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## A Moment In Howard History

### A Glance At Student Leadership

By Leesa Davis  
Mind, Body & Soul Editor

Whether good or bad, Howard student leaders have made memorable contributions to the rich legacy of the University.

"Dion Diamond In La. Jail" headlined The Hilltop's March 9, 1962 campus section. Diamond was one of many student leaders at Howard University who seemed to be a magnet for controversy.

Diamond was the field secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and had been invited to speak at Southern University. At the time, however, Southern University had closed off sit-in demonstrations to leaders who were barred from registration. Diamond and two other members, Charles McDew and Robert Zellner were arrested on charges of criminal anarchy, disturbing the peace and carrying a book titled "The Ugly Americans" which the Baton Rouge court considered subversive.

Diamond was held at \$13,000 bail while McDew and Zellner were held at \$7,000 each. Arguing that the arrests were unconstitutional, SNCC provided an attorney with assistance from the Legal Defense Fund in Baton Rouge.

The Nonviolent Action Group of Washington (NAG) demanded the intervention of the Justice Department through marches at the department's

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## Weather Forecast

### Today

PARTLY CLOUDY



High/Low  
80/61 °

Precipitation  
0%

### Wednesday

PARTLY CLOUDY



High/Low  
76/58 °

Precipitation  
30%

### Thursday

PARTLY CLOUDY



High/Low  
70/46 °

Precipitation  
40%

### Friday

PARTLY CLOUDY



High/Low  
58/41 °

Precipitation  
30%

# Student Leadership at the Mecca

## Bison Student Leadership Training Tomorrow's Leaders

By Tiffani Ashley Bell  
Contributing Writer

Howard University's motto is to produce leaders for the global community. With that motto, the Bison Student Leadership Program has been training leaders for three years.

BSLP, under the direction Associate Director of Student Activities Rasheem-Ameid Rooke, was started three years ago. The program's mission "is to facilitate the development of leadership skills in first and second year students."

"If we can't be just members, how can we expect to be leaders," Rooke said. "students should be able to take away the ability to interact with people in a positive manner."

When students first enter BSLP they must learn about dealing with time management, positive communication, organizational goal setting, and positive stress management. Next, participants go through the practical experience portion of the program. Lastly, they participate in community service portion of the program.

On the way to becoming great leaders, students had their own preconceived notions of what a great leader should be.

Rooke added that the program was very diverse.

Every college and school at Howard is represented with many students double majoring, or simply majoring with a minor.

Jennell May, a trainer for the program and a junior television production major, has been involved with the program since her freshman year.

Freshman psychology major Chaundra Brown said that because she wanted to be a child psychologist, she felt it was important for her to obtain the necessary leadership skills in order to help children and be a role model in their life.

Kim Deavers, a sophomore pre-med Biology major, said that she joined the program to meet more people and learn better ways to serve students on campus.

Rooke said that the program, however, is much more than getting together to talk about the "what-ifs" and "whys" of being a leader and a person in general.

Ebony Stubbs, sophomore Biology major, thinks that a leader is someone that has integrity and loyalty to their work and the people they're doing it for.

"A great leader is someone who has confidence, gets along well with others, and is good by themselves and in a group," Brown said.

It has to be a good program," Sesoo Igbazua, a freshman computer engineering major, said "If I had known about it, I would have signed up."

Registration for this program is has been every fall since the program's inception. The open application allotment lasts for a week. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



From top, Kareem Merrick, undergrad trustee; Faith Walls, HUSA vice president; Kourtney Puram, health chair NAACP; Jarred Jackson, Mr. School of Communications; Lauren Bayne Anderson, former editor-in-chief, The Hilltop; Dan Blakemore, HUSA president.

## Administrators Comment on Expectations For Student Leaders

By Melanie R. Holmes  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many students would characterize a student leader as an elected official within a campus organization who represents various views and attempts to achieve any number of goals. However, Howard University professors and administration have their own opinions of what embodies a student leader.

"If you're a student leader, you have to play an active role in bettering the University," sociology professor Sandra P. Franklin said. "This involves the faculty, staff, students, student leaders and the community. You can't have student leaders doing everything on their own."

Adds the Director of Student Activities Carol Shelton, "I expect student leaders to uphold the tenets of the office of which they are elected as well as the goals and objectives of the University with integrity and discretion."

Due to its prestige and location, University officials agree that Howard is the ideal location for any position of leadership.

"Being a student leader, especially at the Mecca, you are provided with the opportunity to be competitive when you leave Howard," Franklin said. "It enables you to reach your highest potential."

Franklin states that there are two types of student leaders: those who are elected into a position and students who take initiative in bettering themselves.

"I think every student is a leader without having a position," she said. "When you are elected, you are held more accountable. When students better themselves, they go after their goal and actually attain it."

Political science professor Meldon Hollis believes the years students spend at Howard are some of the most important years of their lives. According to Hollis, it is during college that many people form customs they practice for the long term. Risk-taking abilities and learning to lose are skills Hollis feels are important in order to be a strong leader.

"The habits you work out and pick up during these four to six years stay with you," he said. "You will never have as much freedom to develop leadership skills as you have now."

On the other hand, Hollis believes that a wide-range of positions need leadership but is uncertain whether or not students are equipped to handle them at such young ages. He suggests that issues of violence and AIDS in the black community as well as the relationship between black people and the justice system may be too heavy for students to deal with at this point in their lives.

"You can train students, but at 18, I'm not sure if you're ready,"

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Mr. and Miss Howard serve a one year term as goodwill ambassadors for Howard University.

# Life After the Crowning

## Past Royalty Speaks

By Shara D. Taylor  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Each year during homecoming, two students are selected to represent Howard University in the capacity of Mr. and Miss Howard. As Mr. and Miss Howard, two students serve as ambassadors for the university, representing the school in a variety of functions.

Alex Dixon, 2001-2002 Mr. Howard, believes that his time as Mr. Howard gave him an outlet to hone his public speaking abilities and show his peers who he is.

Dixon, who currently works as a financial analyst for Goldman Sachs, hopes that the legacy he left as Mr. Howard will continue with future candidates.

"I hoped that I conducted myself in a manner in which everyone could be proud and restored dignity to the position. It is not something that should be taken lightly," Dixon said.

Last year's Mr. Howard Jamal Jowers values the time he spent serving the Howard community.

"It was a great opportunity," Jowers said. "I have the

chance to meet and interact with students, faculty, and different people coming to Howard. I gained the whole Howard experience and was able to do a little bit of traveling."

Jowers views his mark on the position as one of interaction and getting people aware and involved.

"We need to use our own resources and power to do things and not wait for other people to do them for us. We are sitting on a goldmine," Jowers said. "We have so much potential that is not being used, and we don't realize it."

As Jowers' counterpart last year, Tiffany Gainer believes that her experience is beyond anything that she could have ever imagined.

"It was a surreal experience, a wonderful blessing from God," Gainer said. "I was able to interact with different students and represent [Howard] in a different way than if I had not been chosen."

Gainer wants the Howard community to know that becoming Miss Howard entails

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## Business Program Host Job Fair

### MBA Fair Opens Doors For Howard Students

By Candace Lee  
Contributing Writer

The Howard University Master of Business Administration program held its annual job fair Thursday and Friday in the Blackburn Center. The career event, which is entirely organized by students and has been going on for eight years, was created to network and expose different corporations to Howard's MBA students.

"This is the biggest event of the year for the MBA program so we try to feature anywhere from ten to twenty companies," said Noel S. Grant, the event



Photo Courtesy of Career Services  
Grad students discuss careers

coordinator and a second year MBA student.

Companies including Allstate Financial, Barclay's Capital, Emerson, IBM, Raytheon, Sandler O'Neill &

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# CAMPUS

## VOICES & VIEWS

**What Do you Hope to see student leaders do this semester?**



**Deandra Judge**  
Freshman  
Psychology

"As a freshman I would like to see student leaders reach out to us and encourage us freshman to become involved around Howard and in the community."



**Sean Ward**  
Junior  
Speech Communication

"Actively converse and interact with the student body about the concerns they have with the administration."



**Resheida Brady**  
Sophomore  
Film

"I hope to see student leaders bring the D.C. community and Howard, students together."



**Jason Johnson**  
Sophomore  
Engineering

"I would like to see them uphold their position and do what they promised to do"

## Howard Competes for \$5 Million Grant

By Venus B. Taylor  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University is one of 15 finalists selected to submit a proposal for a multi-million-dollar grant from the Kauffman Foundation to promote the Kauffman Campuses initiative. In this 2:1 match initiative, each institution that receives a \$5 million award must place \$10 million into entrepreneurial programs.

In a July press release, Kauffman Foundation president and CEO Carl Schramm expressed that the purpose of this effort is to make entrepreneurship an innate part of college life through campus-wide opportunities in entrepreneurship education.

"These grants will unleash the power of entrepreneurship on campus," Schramm said. "We want all students - not just those enrolled in business or engineering schools - to have access to the skills, orientation and networks that lead to greater opportunities for them and result in more jobs, innovation and prosperity for America."

In order to take advantage of this chance, Howard is diligently drafting a proposal that will address how the university will make entrepreneurship collective and accessible for the entire campus. To ensure that this is truly a campus-wide initiative, Howard officials have met with the various schools and colleges for their input.

"We're looking for programs that will allow students, regardless of major, to access entrepreneurship courses either in a traditional mode or online, if we're successful," Dean of the School of Business Baron Harvey said. "We're hoping that the final thrust of this vision is that there will not only be a number of student-run enterprises on this campus, but we will spur the next round of entrepreneurs from the ideas that are hatched."

According to Dean Harvey, the grant would help to implement programs that embody the motto of Howard University by promoting leadership for American as well as the global community.

"We also are trying to



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design an entity that will embrace what Howard is all about - its uniqueness and abilities - that will not only affect campus but the African American community as a

whole," Harvey said. "We envision an entity that will not only serve the campus but will also serve African Americans and

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## Int'l Students May Pay More

By Tiffani Ashley Bell  
Contributing Writer

With the introduction of the Patriot Act in 2001, international students have had to pay to be registered with the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). However, with the new proposed legislation by Congress, students might have to pay an increased fee.

The United States kept track of international students via the SEVIS. The database is a repository of information about international students' address, program of study, social security number and other biographical data. The fee for registering with SEVIS was originally \$54, but under a new proposal, the fee will be increased to \$100.

Senior Systems and Computer Science major Brian Galloway believes the fee is wrong and pointless.

"It's unethical," Galloway said. "It's an invasion of privacy. They're students just like everyone else; I don't agree with this."

The Department of Homeland Security defends the assessment of the fee. "This fee is levied on students...to cover the costs of administering and maintaining the SEVIS system and ensuring compliance by individuals, schools, and organi-

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## 'Showtime' Competes in Band Battle

By Candice Jones  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Young black men and women from all over the country will fill the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on January 24, 2004 for Honda's second annual Battle of the Bands.

This history-making occasion consists of two components: the Celebration Tour and the Invitational Showcase.

The Celebration Tour allows a chance for 45 participant schools to receive grants based on their performances during halftime shows at fall football games. The Invitational Showcase takes place in Atlanta where only 10 bands will perform their music.

According to a written statement which discussed American Honda Motor, Co., Inc.'s purpose for this event, the competition is a unique experi-



FILE PHOTO

The Showtime Marching Band will be featured in American Honda Motor's Battle of the band this January.

ence and a chance to embrace the love and pride held among fans of HBCUs.

"This program is an opportunity for Honda to recognize the tradition and excellence of Black college bands which have long been a part of HBCU culture," Wendell Bugg, manager

of American Honda Corporate Affairs and Communications said.

The well-known and well-respected bands of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in America are given a chance to compete for the title of the best during the battle; however, only

the best of the best will be allowed to compete.

There is a three-part process in deciding who will be chosen to showcase their talents in the Georgia Dome. Thirty-three percent of the process will be from online fan voting at [www.hondabattleofthebands.com](http://www.hondabattleofthebands.com); the second 33 percent comes from the votes of commissioners of the four conferences (MEAC, SWAC, CIAA, and SIAC) and school presidents, and the remaining percentage will be from bands directors.

Freshman percussion player Jarius Howe is excited and confident about this year's competition.

"Being there in itself shows that you are recognized as the top in your conference and it's an honor for every band to be able to experience that," he said.

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## Richardson Preaches on God's Peace

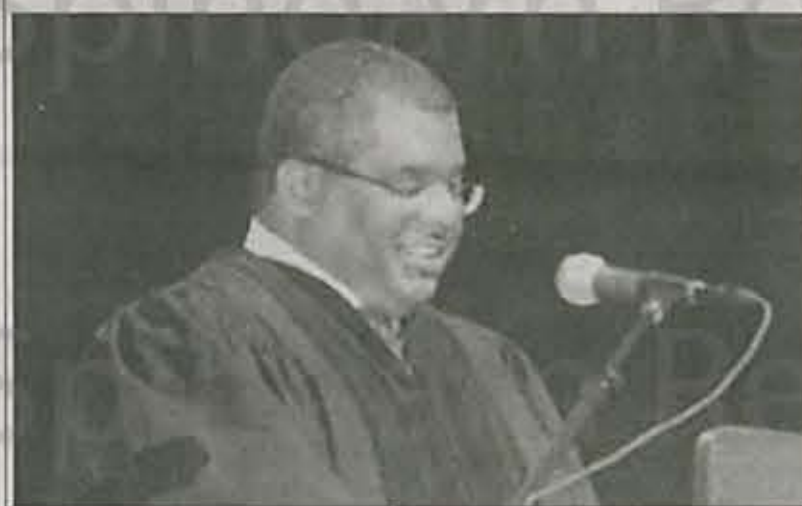


Photo by Roger Roman

Dean Bernard L. Richardson delivered his sermon on Sunday

By Richard Dorceus  
Contributing Writer

Dean of Chapel Bernard L. Richardson encouraged students to discover God's peace

during his sermon at Rankin Chapel on Sunday.

Richardson used one of his chapel assistants as an example. She was not her usual self so he asked what was wrong.

She was not doing well in one of her classes and she had a test coming up. Richardson prayed for her and later on that week she was her usual self, because she passed the test with a C.

"When you give it to God in prayer regardless of the outcome some how God can give you a peace about it," Richardson said.

He also preached about people that take credit for something they don't deserve.

"I have a difficult time with people who take peoples' struggles so lightly," Richardson said. "I feel for them because some how they were taught their faith in a way that robs them of the joy of living"

Richardson continued, saying, "They have an unrealistic view of life, because they see themselves above you and the

give the impression that they have it all together.

"They do a lot of God talking but don't love God's people," Richardson said. "They use their religion like a weapon to hurt people rather than to heal people."

Richardson made the point that the Bible says that God's people should be gentle.

"Our gentleness ought to be evident to all; I declare to you this morning that it is hard to be gentle with others when you are hard on yourselves," Richardson said "The reason why we are not gentle because we are so anxious about everything because no matter how big the situation one citizen can take use to the edge of despair"

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## Activists Discuss Reparations at Bunche Forum

By Shara D. Taylor  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Thursday evening, International Possibilities Unlimited (IPU), along with the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center and Armour J. Blackburn University hosted a forum entitled "Economic Rights and Reparations." Panelists and audience members discussed the need for some form of compensation for the descendants of enslaved African people.

Among the panelists were Raymond Winbush, author of *Should America Pay?*, Ramona Edelin, Social Action Commission co-director for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ajene Abayomi, Howard University political science

major and Ubiquity co-chair, and Keenan Keller, minority counsel for Congressman John Conyers.

Winbush spoke about the atrocities that enslaved people faced and the discrimination that was prevalent in American society after the end of the Civil War.

"Reparations has nothing to do with a handout. It has to do with justice," Winbush said. Winbush also cited the large numbers of Blacks that were lynched between 1865 and today. According to Winbush, estimates show that 8,000 lynchings have been reported, although some experts suggest the number may be as high as 24,000.

"Most men were lynched for their property," he said. "Racial reconcilia-

tion is impossible because there has never been a time in this country when Blacks and Whites have loved each other."

Edelin views the dilemma facing Black America as a problem that must be solved as a collective group. She referred to the works of W.E.B. DuBois and his understanding of the double consciousness that she believes still exists today.

"We must have a cultural renaissance as African people. Identity questions must be dealt with."

Ajene Abayomi, a political science major and co-chair for Ubiquity, Inc., addressed the need for economic reparations and power for the Black community.

"Power is not something that will be given. Power will be taken-wrestled away," he said. Abayomi compared chattel slavery to the reign of Hitler during the Holocaust.

"Slavery is a crime above all crimes," Abayomi said. "White America would have to acknowledge everything that they know is beyond a lie, and [they] would rather destroy [themselves] than acknowledge their crimes around the world."

Keenan Keller, who serves as the minority counsel for Congressman John Conyers, expressed his feelings about the need for a bill that calls for detailed

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**KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.  
EASTERN PROVINCE**



OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE POLEMARCH  
AND PROVINCE LEGAL COUNSELS

October 28, 2003

Open Letter to the Howard University Community  
Armour J. Blackburn University Ctr, Ste 117  
Washington, D.C. 20059

Dear Students at Howard:

Please know and note the following: The charter of the Howard University **chapter**, the **Xi** of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was revoked effective November 10, 2001, by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.. The charter at Howard University had been granted on December 27, 1920. Prior to the revocation of the charter, the chapter had been placed on restrictive probation, but violated the terms of its probation status, consequently, the charter was then lifted for a period of at least 10 years.

The **only** chapter at Howard University now is the Theta Tau of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Theta Tau was chartered on June 5, 1976. Its membership is restricted and limited to **students** who are in a graduate school at Howard University, i.e., law, medicine, dentistry, or the student is pursuing the MBA, Ph.D. degrees, et al. In other words, only men who possess the undergraduate college degree can apply for membership. This same limitation also applies to undergraduate men who are Kappas prior to transferring to Howard University.

In 1991, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity abolished its pledgship program and announced this abandonment publicly, coupled with a zero level of tolerance, respecting violations of its current membership intake program procedures, which absolutely forbids hazing and other proscribed activities. On October 13, 2001, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. filed a civil lawsuit in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia against Kappas and **non Kappas alike**, for remedial, punitive and injunctive relief, based on underground pledging activities that had taken place at Howard University and also in the city. This action is still pending. Zero tolerance for not adhering to the post 1991 membership intake program, applicable throughout the United States, still exists. Additionally, there can be no legitimate undergraduate intake program at Howard University for at least 8 more years in the future, if then.

If there are any questions concerning the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Richard Lee Snow, International Headquarters, 2322-24 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19132-4590.

Sincerely,

*Rufus F. Clanzey*  
Province Polemarch (E)

9428 Old Man Court, Columbia MD 21045-4418



## **STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP SURVEY**

**Interested in starting your own business?**

**Have an innovative idea?**

**Are you a risk taker?**

**Should there be more classes in entrepreneurship?**

**Does Howard prepare you to be a successful entrepreneur?**

**Should entrepreneurship be limited to business schools?**

**Please visit the Howard University Main Webpage at [www.howard.edu](http://www.howard.edu) and under Announcements, complete the survey entitled "Howard University Student Survey on Entrepreneurship"**

For further information, contact the Office of the Dean in the School of Business 202-806-1696.





## Haunted Hilltop II a Frightful Success

By Jennifer L. Williams  
Asst. Life & Style Editor

On the day before Halloween, Cooke Hall was transformed into a spooky Halloween playground. Hundreds of Howard students and D.C. residents came out in droves to be a part of the Haunted Hilltop II.

"The event staff went all out for this year's event," Lauren Williams, a sophomore marketing major, said. "The front of Cook looked spooky, and the dancers in the cages in front was a great touch. Also, the fact that there was a DJ made the crowd hype."

Jessica Brown, a freshman political science major, volunteered for the event.

"The event overall was

very fun and interesting," Brown said. "It was a very efficient and safe way to bring out the youth for Halloween."

"I'm cold, but I'm having a lot of fun out here entertaining everyone," Rachel Cooper, a sophomore legal communications major, who was also one of two caged dancers said. "I feel like the turnout was great,



PHOTO BY ROGER ROMAN

**"I like the fact that they opened the event to area residents...the fact that they opened their event and welcomed us means a lot."**

- Russell Jenkins, D.C. resident

"On the day of the event, Residents of Cooke hall had to enter the dormitory through a back entrance, heavily guarded by campus police and Resident Assistants," Prude said. "There were various committees set up, to handle food, crowd control, and security," Prude said. "It was crunch time this year, because we didn't have that much time; however, this Haunted Hilltop event had the most volunteers ever, and everything went extremely well."

Roger Cartledge, a senior RTVE major, enjoyed himself at the Haunted Hilltop. "It was fun, even for a kid event," Cartledge said. "It was like a Shrek of haunted houses."

Russell Jenkins, a D.C. resident, enjoyed the Haunted

Hilltop as well.

"I like that Howard opened this event to area residents," Jenkins said. "Howard is so closed off to a lot of people who live around it, so the fact that they opened their event and welcomed us means a lot."

Stephanie Lewis, also a District resident, appreciated the event as well. "I know that Howard and the residents of D.C. don't always see eye to eye on a lot of issues, but events like this that include everyone make good situations for everybody involved."

In addition to the Haunted House, Cook had a special area designated for young children.

"For children who got scared and were unable to go through the entire Haunted Hilltop, we made the clubroom into a kiddy area, with coloring books and stories," Prude said.

"The Haunted Hilltop was successful and it got a lot of people involved," Sikoka Frett, a freshman international business major said. "I thought it was well put together and definitely worth walking through."



PHOTO BY ROGER ROMAN

The preparation for the Haunted took months of planning and several days of setting up.

and I'm happy everything went well."

In order to prepare Cooke Hall for the Haunted Hilltop, countless security measures and preparations were put into

effect.

Jimmy Prude, senior computer information systems major and RA at Cook, spoke about the planning process for the event.

## SEVIS wants more money

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zations with the system's requirements."

"America claims to be the land of opportunity, so why can't students enjoy that opportunity without somehow paying extra for it?" Keron George, a mechanical engineering major from Trinidad and Tobago said.

George added that the new fee would be a turnoff to other international students.

"I think America would be telling them that they don't want them," George said.

Grace Ansah, Director of International Student Services, has a problem with the collection of the fees.

"One of the difficulties I have is that you ought to take into consideration the population you're talking about," Ansah said. "We're talking about people in places who may not have access to resources to pay the fee."

Ansah said that the government offers the option for people to pay online with credit cards. Indeed, the government is assuming what might not be safe to assume.

The government has set up a 60-day period to solicit public opinion. Students can write to rfs.regs@dhs.gov, or the Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Department of Homeland Security, 425 I Street, NW., Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536. Reference ICE 2297-03.

## Howard Competes for Kauffman Grant

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people of color from around the world who are interested in entrepreneurship education."

Lenora Robinson, a sophomore international business major, is excited about the opportunities that such a grant would afford. "Howard University does not focus on entrepreneurship enough," Robinson said. "When I think of entrepreneurship I think of the

School of Business, but other Howard students who are into entrepreneurship, like Fine Arts student who wants to open up their own dance school, might not know much about owning a business either."

Some students, however, do not believe that the grant would be beneficial to Howard students.

"I would prefer to become a top-ranking official in an established corporation because there is less risk and I

know I would be able to advance quickly with what I'm learning now," freshman international business major Brett Calhoun said.

Senior management major Leah S. Little said that entrepreneurship is a inherent part of the fabric of the African American community. "Its only natural for African Americans to be entrepreneurs because we have it harder than other ethnic groups in corporate America," Little said. "We're often qual-

ified but overlooked because of the prejudices of society, thus having a harder time obtaining a traditional job. While they may discourage some, it can also serve as a motivating factor for blacks to go out and start business where they can help their own."

To participate in the online survey, visit the Howard University homepage at [www.howard.edu](http://www.howard.edu) and click on "Howard University Survey on Student Entrepreneurship."

## Activists Discuss Reparations

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examination of the institution and its continuing impact. Since 1989, Conyers' bill, House Resolution 40, has not been able to pass legislation in the House of Representatives.

"I am an American. This is my country. It was built with the sweat and blood of my ancestors. I'm not giving it up," Keller said.

He believes that everyone shares the responsibility of

ensuring that plight of enslaved people is never forgotten.

"We need to educate ourselves as a nation and realize that we have a responsibility to ourselves and our community," he said.

Aaron Nelson, a junior political science major, would like to further explore the concept behind reparations.

"If given the opportunity, I would like to dedicate my life and fight for it in the future," Nelson said. "I wish more

Blacks were conscious about it. [The forum] motivated me to see that the movement is so vibrant."

Junior political science major Jason Ravin believes that there is a significant amount of mis-information surrounding the topic of reparations.

"This is not a black and white issue. Until [reparations] is seen as an institution where people are seeking redress, we will never come up with a solution."

## Richardson Urges Discovery of Peace

PEACE from A2

Richardson said that students can have joy even through failure because through failure God says that he has something more for you.

"We will never discover God's peace until we are at peace with ourselves and we will not be at peace until we learn how to deal with our weakness."

Richardson added that Paul was an example to us understood that his weaknesses

did not disqualify him from the kingdom of God, but he discovered that God's power in his life was made more perfect in his weaknesses.

Richardson concluded by saying that students must realize that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

"The peace that you need does not come from success; it comes from being in a relationship with God," Richardson said.

Students who were present said that the message blessed

them significantly.

Senior biology major Aiko Barkwell said the message encouraged her to know that as long as she is in Christ everything would work out for the better.

Senior biology major Monique Nichols said that the message gave her a sense of peace because she does not have to worry about tests and trials of the day, but only has to concentrate on how God always has her back.

## 'Showtime' Gears Up For Honda Battle of Bands

BAND from A4

Howe, who attended last year's Battle of the Bands, described the feeling, adrenaline and competition in the atmosphere as a major part of the sold out event.

"The energy in the place makes you feel competitive, even if you are just among the thousands of people in the crowd," he said.

Sophomore political science major Shari Johnson recalls her experience at last year's battle.

"The crowd itself makes you want to hit the field and join a band," Johnson said. "The Georgia Dome was definitely the place to be. I'm excited to attend next year's battle and I will definitely hold it down for Howard University."

In addition to grants, the

ten bands chosen to perform will receive \$10,000 towards its scholarship fund, as stated in the press release. \$144,000 will be issued in grants during the celebration tour. Although the celebration tour runs through November 22, American Honda will announce the bands that will perform at the Invitational Showcase on November 17.

Even though this is only the second annual Battle of the Bands sponsored by Honda, it is already a common conversation among band members of HBCUs, students, friends, and alumni alike.

Students can support the Howard University Showtime Band and vote at [www.hondabattleofthebands.com](http://www.hondabattleofthebands.com).

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# NEWS

## A Moment In Howard History Student Leaders of the Past

**HISTORY** From A1

headquarters. After spending 58 days in jail, Diamond, McDew and Zellner were released.

Controversy continued to stand in the way of the prosperity of some Howard leaders even through the 1980s. On March 18, 1982, the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) President Walter Woods was asked to resign by the HUSA policy board.

According to the board, Woods' cumulative 2.3 GPA was not par performance.

In a fit of rage, Woods yelled obscenities to the student leaders in the forum of the University Center and physically threatened them. More than 50 students had gathered in the forum for the General Assembly Meeting. In addition to being asked to resign, Woods was upset about the attendance of HUSA members for the meeting that particular night. The Vice President at that time, Aziz Ahmed, was appointed the next day as HUSA president and the assembly froze HUSA's budget to ensure the prevention of Woods spending HUSA funds.

HUSA hasn't always been the target of slander. April Silver and Ras Baraka, HUSA leaders for the 1990-1991 school year managed to impress the student body with their platform of "Leadership For The Masses." Although it took a second vote for the duo



to win 64 percent of the majority of Howard's population, Baraka and Silver proved capable of handling just about any situation.

Baraka and Silver remained committed in ensuring the investigated charges of an incident involving police brutality against a Howard student. The incident took place outside Burr gymnasium during a Howard- Morgan basketball game that nearly incited a riot.



Former HUSA President Cornell Williams was responsible for the Black Tuesday March

## After the Crowning Mr. and Ms. Howards of the Past

**CROWN** from A1

more than a just being a contest winner.

"I hoped that I continued the legacy as more than just a pageant winner. Miss Howard is an intellectual, multi-faceted woman who represents the university in the best way possible."

Juniors Chequan Lewis and Crystal Sumpter were crowned 2003-2004 Mr. and Miss Howard.

Lewis' platform, "Activating Awareness in African-Americans" rests on

seven key dimensions, including political, economic and cultural awareness. He will present the Black community with the chance to address the multiple issues facing its people.

"My primary goal this year is to carry myself as an exemplar of the Howard male and ensure full implementation of my platform and Crystal's platform," Lewis said.

Some of his extracurricular activities include: Executive Chief-of-Staff for the Arts and Sciences Student Council; president of Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; and the Texas Club.

Under her platform "Opulence," Sumpter plans to work with young girls ages 12 to 17 and expose them to the performing arts, including jazz and ballet.

"I hope to teach them discipline and give them an outlet from a situation they may not otherwise have had," Sumpter said. She also aspires to hold several workshops focusing on the topics of self-actualization and self-worth.

## Graduate Business Program Host Career Fair

**MBA** from A7

Partners, L.P., Unisys and United Technologies were present to give information sessions, as well as to recruit for internships and permanent positions.

President H. Patrick Swygert is on the board of directors at United Technologies, which donated \$1 million to Howard last year.

Sabrina Harris and Howard alumnus Debbie Castro, were representatives from United Technologies.

"We are here looking for students in fields from finance to marketing," said Harris.

The session Thursday was followed by a reception, which was sponsored by Unisys.

The president of the Graduate Business Association, Tammara Warren, was present to give the opening remarks for



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breakfast, interview sessions, as well as a luncheon.

Toni Townes, a partner with Unisys corporation, spoke at the luncheon and stressed the importance of having the ability to adapt to change and having characteristics that differentiate students from other students, which would open more opportunities when entering the workforce.

Vimbai Mhangu, the MBA graduate student assembly representative and graduate student fiscal coordinator, said that Townes' message was extremely relevant and important in today's competitive workforce.

"The whole program was excellent because it showed the continued support of corporate America for the MBA program at Howard University," said Mhangu.

the reception. Warren was followed by remarks from David Porter, director of graduate programs, Lisa Franklin, an MBA candidate, Aquaris Moore, the consortium relations chair, and Kiahna Patton, the mistress of ceremonies.

Friday's schedule included a

## Howard University Administration Officials Comment on What They Expect From Current Student Leaders

**ADMIN** From A1

Hollis said.

Some officials feel the mere presence of student leaders impacts Howard University students as well as professors and administration. "They serve as the voice and in the best interest of students," Shelton said.

"Without student leaders, Howard would be like elementary school or a primary school. Not many voices would be heard other than administration."

Overall, officials feel the elected student leaders on Howard's campus are doing a good job and encourage them to do the best they can.

"Look at failures as well as successes and grow from them," Franklin said.

Adds Shelton, "Everyone on this campus has potential for greatness. It's what you do with it that matters."



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Student leaders work to make the school better, however many students do not know what administrators expect.

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## Observation Deck

### Global Warming Bill Rejected

(BBC) — The US Senate has rejected efforts to curb carbon dioxide emissions from industrial power plants. Senators voted 55-43 against the bill, which would have required power stations and factories to reduce their emissions to 2000 levels by 2010.

Many scientists have identified greenhouse gas emissions as a major source of global warming. The measure was opposed by the Bush administration, which said it would seriously damage the economy.

### Posthumous Citizenship for Irish Soldiers

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Half a century after they died fighting for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, 28 Irish men were granted U.S. citizenship Thursday under a law passed in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

It took years of wrangling and lobbying to get a law passed that would allow immigrants who die fighting in the U.S. armed forces to be awarded citizenship posthumously.

The ceremony on Capitol Hill Thursday was as much a celebration of the success of that effort as it was a somber honor for the 28 fallen troops.

### Consumer Spending gives Economy Big Boost

(BBC) — The US economy rocketed ahead in the three months to September, fuelled by a consumer spending spree and the long-awaited return of business investment. During the third quarter the economy expanded at a rate which - if it lasted for a year - would equate to 7.2%, more than twice the rate in the previous three months and far ahead of what most observers had expected.

The engine for the expansion - the biggest quarterly figure since 1984 - was a 6.6% rise in consumer spending, the Commerce Department said, boosted by tax cuts and credits.

But despite the massive boost to the economy, some economists are warning that growth - forecast at about 4% for the final quarter and into next year - could stumble if the US's jobs drought continues.

Almost 3 million jobs have gone since 2001 despite a surge in productivity, reflecting companies' decision to work staff harder rather than expand payrolls.

### High Uranium Levels North Nevada

RENO, Nevada (AP) — More than a dozen wells at an old open pit copper mine in northern Nevada tested positive in 1984 for what conservationists say are "very high" levels of uranium, according to newly revealed documents that have raised pollution concerns.

Uranium levels were up to 40 times higher than current legal limits, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted regulations in 2000 limiting uranium to 30 micrograms per liter of water.

"Nobody knows if that went into the groundwater," said Tom Myers, executive director of the Great Basin Mine Watch in Reno, who provided AP with the documents.

### CIA Let False Data Convict former Operative

HOUSTON, Texas (AP) — A federal judge threw out the conviction of a former CIA operative who has spent 20 years in prison for selling arms to Libya, saying the government knowingly used false evidence against him.

Edwin P. Wilson, 75, was convicted in 1983 of shipping 20 tons of C-4 plastic explosives to Libya — something he said he did to ingratiate himself with the Libyan government at the CIA's request.

In a scathing opinion released Tuesday, U.S. Judge Lynn N. Hughes said the federal government failed to correct information about Wilson's service to the CIA that it admitted internally was false.

## Fingerprints and Photos for Visa Visitors

By Eleisha John  
Contributing Writer

Planning to travel over the holidays?

If you're an international student, you may be required to show more than just your passport and Visa.

Airlines are now using a computerized profiling system aimed at identifying passengers who may present a threat. On Tuesday October 28, Homeland Security undersecretary, Asa Hutchinson, unveiled plans for the system, which uses inkless scanners to capture fingerprints and photos. The new program, called US-VISIT (U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Technology) should be implemented at 115 major airports and 14 seaports by January 2004.

A press release from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security states that the program is among the department's top priorities and has been appropriated \$380 million this year. Secretary Ridge announced in April that the "biometric" system is designed to scan travel documents and take electronic fingerprints and pictures, which are then checked against a database to determine whether the individual should be detained or questioned.

The press release also states that arrival information on students will be sent to the

Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to notify schools that a new foreign student should arrive at their school within 30 days.

On Tuesday, Homeland Security officials in Washington demonstrated the process, in which arriving visitors place both index fingers on a scanner to have their prints recorded. At the same time, a digital camera snaps a photo.

Economics student Peng Yu says that such measures are necessary to "prevent people from entering illegally and to protect those who enter legally." However, George Aduhene, a political science senior, is not as supportive of the new policy. He understands the need for protecting the borders, but says that such "superficial security measures underestimate the patience, intelligence and level of commitment" of the terrorists. "The really determined terrorists," says Aduhene, "will not be deterred by measures like these."

Testing of the new technology has already been conducted



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at a few airports and border crossings. Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport will be the main testing site over the upcoming month. It was selected in part because of its wide range of international flights and the inspection booths built there for the 1996 Olympics. Jim Williams, director of the project, said that by early December, inspectors at Hartsfield will be able to match the fingerprints with federal computerized "watch lists."

The increased security

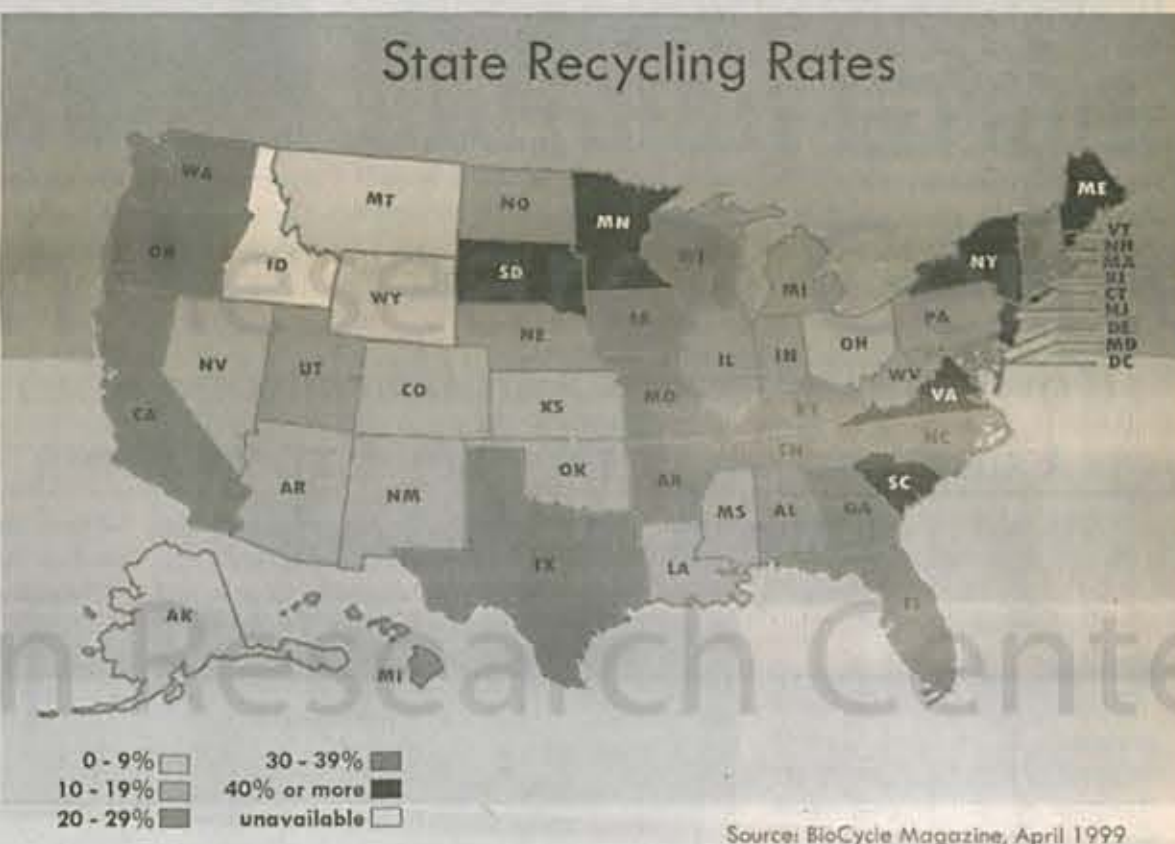
measures in post-911 America have left many foreign nationals with mixed feelings. "Why does the threat always have to come from outside?" says Aduhene. "Look at Timothy McVeigh. We should be going to the root of the cause instead of just giving people a false sense of security." Most students on campus are still unaware of the US-VISIT system, which is expected to take effect at nearby Dulles International Airport by next January.

## DC has one of Nation's Lowest Recycling Rates

By Ria Marie Davis  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hopes to boost the national recycling rate from 30 to at least 35 percent by 2005. The Resource Conservation Challenge introduced by the agency last year, calls for Americans to increase their recycling efforts and to curb by 50 percent the generation of 30 harmful chemicals found in hazardous waste. According to the Agency, 28 percent of solid waste is currently recovered and recycled or composted in the US, 15 percent is burned at combustion facilities, and the remaining 57 percent is disposed of in landfills, although the number of landfills in the United States is steadily decreasing — from 8,000 in 1988 to 2,300 in 1999.

Since the 1990s, recycling has developed a steady momentum. In 1996, the EPA met its initial goal of 25 percent in nationwide recycling, a triumph which prompted the agency to set a new target for 2005. In its Annual Report for 2002, the EPA also noted improvements in air quality and acid rain data, despite the fact that the country has seen marked increases in energy consumption, gross



Source: BioCycle Magazine, April 1999

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domestic product and vehicular usage.

Some states however are doing far better than others in the recycling effort. Virginia, South Carolina, Maine, Minnesota, South Dakota and New York all have recycling rates of 40 percent and above. Marjorie Haizlip, president of the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and

Recycling, has said that, "In Central New York, (the recycling programs) are leaders in New York state. Elected officials have wanted to do the right thing," she said, "They put the money where it's supposed to be."

Some of the states with the lowest recycling rates include Montana, Wyoming and the District of Columbia. In 2002, the recycling rates in the District

of Columbia were among the lowest still at about 10 percent. Since then the District has established a citywide recycling initiative to achieve a 45 percent recycling level in three years.

Stevland Charles, vice president of Howard University's Environmental Society (HUES) and a junior biology major said

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## The Benefits of Donating a Body to Science

By Sean Jackman  
Hilltop Staff Writer

### Would you rest in pieces?

When people send their loved ones to be cremated, the last thing they expect to end up doing is identifying body parts in a freezer. Such was the case with Regina Welsh, who was asked to discern her husband's severed head after parts from his body were found in the freezer of a crematorium.

The culprit was one Michael Francis Brown, the former owner of Pacific Care crematorium in Lake Ellsinore, just southeast of Los Angeles in California. Brown was found to have removed heads, knees, spines, and other body parts from corpses to sell them to medical researchers, earning an estimated \$435,000 between 2000 and 2001.

Judge Rodney Walker sentenced Brown to 20 years in prison, the maximum punishment he could give. Brown pleaded guilty to 66 counts of embezzlement and mutilating grave remains, while over 200 other counts were dropped.

While Brown's actions were chiefly motivated by monetary compensation, many students are aware of the scientific benefits of donating body and organs... and contrary to popular belief, donation does not lead to the disfigurement of the body.

A person can legally donate their body for research or transplants by the age of 18, provided they are of sound mind. Some organs

and tissues, such as kidneys and skin, may be donated while the person is still alive, while others, like the heart, are better left alone until death.

On October 24, the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) reported over 80,000 wait listed candidates in the US alone. They also reported that over 14,000 organs were transplanted but less than 8,000 organs were recovered from donors in the time period from January to July of 2003. The numbers highlight the severe shortage of organ donors in the US.

In fact, a study done by LifeCenter in Cincinnati

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For this year, as of October 24, there have been 3,714 Deceased Organ Donors. 453 (12%) of which were African-American donors.

There are 82,685 people wait-listed for organ donations. 22,255 (27%) of these are African-Americans.

(Figures courtesy the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network)

## Quote of the Day

"I'm all in favor of keeping **DANGEROUS WEAPONS** OUT of the hands of fools. Let's start with **TYPEWRITERS**"

Frank Lloyd Wright  
(1868-1959)



## World Cyber Games Gaining

By Gregg Wallace  
Contributing Writer

Germany emerged as the newest online-game powerhouse as it topped the medal rankings at the World Cyber Games 2003, a large-scale international gaming event that wrapped up its seven-day schedule in Seoul, Korea on October 18.

After intense regional qualifying rounds, some 600 players from 55 countries participated in the third annual WCG 2003 Grand Final held at Olympic Park in Seoul, showcasing their skills and strategies in seven of today's most popular online games.

Germany proved its prowess in the soccer video game "FIFA 2003," grabbing the gold medals for both individual and team medals. It also won the gold medal in the "Age of Mythology" competition, raising its gold-medal count to three.

Taiwan secured the number

2 slot in the medal ranking with two gold medals in the team competitions for "Age of Mythology" and "WarCraft III."

Korea had taken the number 1 spot in the medal rankings for the past two years, but the country was knocked down to number 3 this time, with two gold medals - both in the "StarCraft" category.

About 600,000 players joined the preliminaries to make it to the finals held in Seoul, reflecting the growing popularity of the annual tournament. The total prize money amounted to \$350,000 this year.

Official PC games this year were "StarCraft: Brood War" and "WarCraft III" of Blizzard Entertainment, "Age of Mythology" of Microsoft, "FIFA Soccer 2003" of EA Sports, "Unreal Tournament 2003" of Infogrames and "Half-Life: Counter-Strike" of Sierra Studios. Also, one video console game, "Halo" based on Microsoft's Xbox game console,

was included in the competition.

The WCG is part of the Korean government and high-tech sector's efforts to create and cement a de facto standard for the online game industry, a legitimate move for Korea, which has one of the world's largest online-game markets.

Last year, some 180,000 players from 45 countries joined the WCG preliminaries and finals, while a growing number of foreign media covered the events.

The gaming event started in 2000 when International Cyber Marketing Inc. (ICM), organized a testing-level game league, World Cyber Game Challenge, with Samsung Electronics, the world's largest computer memory-chip maker, footing most of the bills.

Notably, San Francisco's bid was accepted to host the WCG Grand Final in 2004, marking a major step toward expanding the world's largest gaming event beyond Korea.



The WCG Grand Final will continue to be held in different cities across the globe, organizers said.

Sophomore electrical engineering major, Annushka Chin Fong, thinks the games are good for competition amongst nations on a different level, she says, "I think with games like these, it gives countries another way of competing with each other outside of sporting events like the World Cup and Olympics," and that, "It gives a chance for people to represent their country and bring home a medal."

Conversely, there are the critics. Gareth McCartney, senior biology major states, "I guess this kind of competition gives everyone a chance to take part in the Olympic arena, more or less, but I think that those people are just too idle."

## Observation Deck

### Average Person creates 800 Mb every year

Growing net, computer and phone use is driving a huge rise in the amount of information people generate and use. US researchers estimate that every year 800Mb of information is produced for every person on the planet. Their study found that information stored on paper, film, magnetic and optical disks has doubled since 1999.

Paper is still proving popular though. The amount of information stored in books, journals and other documents has grown 43% in three years.

### Hindu Polygamy Broken for Disabled Woman

For a man flying in the face of Hindu tradition, Amar Nath Verma is mighty pleased. The 27-year-old from the north Indian town of Lucknow will walk away from his wedding next month with not one, but two wives.

Bigamy is strictly forbidden amongst Hindus - but Verma believes his is a special case. His prospective father-in-law only allowed him to marry 18-year-old Ragini on the condition that he also weds her elder sister, Preeti. The girls' father, Sohan Lal, set the condition because he feared there would be no one to take care of Preeti, who is physically disabled, once he had died.

### Pigs to guard Jewish Settlements

An organisation in Israel has gained rabbinical approval to train pigs to guard Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Until now, Jewish settlements

have been guarded by men with guns and also by guard dogs. But a new idea - guard pigs - has been thought up by an organisation called The Hebrew Battalion. The man in charge, Kuti Ben-Yaakov, insists it is a serious proposal.

"Pigs' sense of smell is far more developed than that of dogs," he said. "The pigs will also be able to identify weapons from huge distances, and walk in the direction of the terrorist, thereby pointing him out." Moreover, this animal is considered to be dangerous by Islam and, according to the Muslim faith, a terrorist who touches a pig is not eligible for the 70 virgins in heaven."

### Bosnia gets War Crimes Court

The international community has pledged \$18m towards the creation of a special war crimes court in Bosnia to lighten the load of the UN tribunal in The Hague. The funds were raised during a meeting at the tribunal of 30 donor countries including the United States, Canada and the European Union. The BBC's Geraldine Coughlan in The Hague says the new court - to be based in Sarajevo - is being seen as a major step in Bosnia's post-war reconstruction.

The pledge came as prosecutors at the tribunal asked for a 15-20-year prison sentence for a Bosnian Serb officer who admitted participating in the murder of more than 7,000 Muslims at Srebrenica in 1995.

Source: BBC News

## Anti-Immigration Policies win Swiss Favor

By Ria Marie Davis  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Swiss general elections have ushered in the nationalist People's Party, an outcome which signifies a major change in the longstanding tone and structure of the Swiss parliament. The Swiss People Party (SVP), formerly the smallest of four governing parties in the Swiss coalition, won the biggest share of the parliamentary votes in the recent election.

This has upset the traditional system of "consensus politics" known as the "magic formula," which was established to distribute power between the four Swiss parties since 1959. The SVP - a far-right party, won on an anti-foreigner platform, which depicted asylum seekers as "criminals and drug dealers." But the campaign according to the BBC's Imogen Foulkes in Bern, "found favor with more voters than it offended."

Jason Morancie, a junior math major, suggested that, "Perhaps the Swiss were dissatisfied with the current makeup of the government. The BBC may have highlighted the negative aspects of the SVP, but there has to be some positives about the party which struck a chord with the Swiss public."

Christoph Blocher, the party's leader and billionaire industrialist, said that it "looks superb for Switzerland. The fact that the Swiss have expressed

such trust in the SVP means they want a change in policy." Analysts however do not share Blocher's optimism.

Julius Baer's Chief Economist, Janwillem Aket told the BBC on Sunday that, "The developments of this evening surely show us that the myth of a stable political Switzerland is probably waning away now." He continued, stating that, "The result of the general election is a prelude to more political instability in this country and probably the vanishing of another myth - the special status (wealth and stability) that Switzerland has enjoyed since the end of World War II."

Switzerland's economy has not been faring well and may soon be in a slump, given increasing unemployment and cut backs in social benefits. But according to the BBC, the SVP's anti-immigration propaganda dominated the election campaign and stole the limelight from economic concerns.

Keisha Mc Lean, a junior

political science major, said that 911 could be one of the factors behind the Swiss vote for the SVP. "Since 911, the perception of immigrants has changed. Not only are immigrants being seen as a threat, but people are beginning to resent their access to federal funds."

**"Not only are immigrants being seen as a threat, but people are beginning to resent their access to federal funds."**  
- Keisha Mc Lean, junior, political science major.

Kevin Aberdeen, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, suggested that the outcome of the election could be linked to the composition of its electorate. "The older heads," he said, "tend to be deeply rooted in their beliefs. They probably judged the campaigns not on what was presented on

the platform but stuck with their strong ideals."

Andreas Gross, an MP from the Socialist Party, said that the vote for the SVP could stem from Switzerland's own economic successes. In recent years, far-right parties have done well in countries reputed for "wealth and stability."

"Austria, the Netherlands and even anti-immigrant parties enter government in the past five years. The richer the people in Switzerland get," said Gross, "the more they are afraid to lose."

The fact that asylum applications rose by 26.6% in 2002 to 26,125 in Switzerland does not help. Barbara Polla, the center-right liberal party parliamentarian told the BBC that "I think there is a very large amount of work that needs to be done to reassure people, and to show that the presence of foreigners... is a positive factor, especially for the economy."

Professor Thomas Fleiner of the Institute of Federalism said in the BBC analysis that "at the moment people are very insecure." Economic growth has turned to recession, and unemployment has hit a new high of nearly 4%. "That is what Mr Blocher appealed to with his anti-immigration campaign, which is in any case an issue a lot of people are worried about. We are seeing a political polarization in Switzerland, which is a country that has always stressed the importance of consensus." He continued, "And the big question now is whether the system of Swiss Government and the consensual style can cope with this, or whether an entirely new form of politics is needed."

## Recycle MORE!

RECYCLE from A6

that Howard is playing its own part in boosting the recycling effort. "In 2002/2003," he said, "HUES initiated its own paper reduction initiative with Facilities Management, when recycling bins were placed in

the dorms. HUES wanted the bins placed on the floors, but residence life directed that the bins be located in the lobby area to allow access to facilities management staff. I think the initiative would have been more effective," he said, "if students had the convenience of access-

ing the bins on their floors, instead of going to the lobby with their trash. I'm not exactly sure how successful the effort has been in creating student awareness or even if the bins were used properly."

Charles says however that HUES intends to renew its recycling initiative this semester. "We are trying to promote a more effective awareness and use of recycling bins in the dorms. Delta Sigma Theta has agreed to help us make students more aware of recycling laws in the District and HUSA is also organizing a neighborhood cleanup to get students involved."

Jessa McFarlane, a junior graphic design major, welcomes the HUES recycling effort. "More people need to take their recycling seriously," she says, "Everyone should know that no matter how small, they can make a difference."

On September 30, 2003, the EPA submitted its 2003 Strategic Plan to Congress outlining its agenda for the next

five years. The agency admits that it faces more complex challenges in 2003 in terms of population growth, scientific advances and technological developments, and as such, has outlined its priorities to "anticipate potential threats to human health and the environment."

Among its new goals are "clean air and global climate change, clean and safe water, land preservation and reservation, healthy communities and ecosystems and compliance and environmental stewardship."

In addition, the Agency will look at the application of its strategy across areas such as science, human capital, innovation, information, homeland security, partnerships, and economic and policy analysis. Charlene Talbot, a junior telecommunications management major, firmly believes that, "Recycling for the future is essential. The environment is everyone's problem, so we all need to be environmentally conscious."



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### ACROSS

1. Most durable gem (4)
4. World's tallest mountain (7)
9. Fermented alcoholic beverage (3)
11. Element that glows red in vacuum tube (4)
12. Russian Prime Minister (8)
14. Like or (2)
15. 'A' before a vowel (2)
16. Raises bread (5)
20. Initials of Tears in Heaven singer (2)
22. Japanese ornamental tree (3)
23. Toilet paper (2)
25. Strait separating Africa and Europe (9)
28. Control, \_\_, delete (3)
30. She sang, "Most intellects don't believe in God..." (4)
31. Records electrical brain activity (3)
33. Anne \_\_, 2nd wife of Henry VIII (6)
36. Prince of Wales (7)
37. Italian currency before the Euro (4)

### DOWN

1. Capital of Indonesia (7)
2. Expression of sorrow (4)
3. De + les in French (3)
4. Jealousy (4)
6. "In reference to" (2)
7. Executive Order abbr. (2)
8. Symbol for element tin (2)
10. Isle of \_\_ in Irish Sea (3)
13. Chinese active male principle of the universe (4)
17. Amount abbr. (3)
18. Body of water (3)
19. Capital of Albania (6)
20. Decline (3)
21. Hermit, Horseshoe and Blue (5)
24. Help spelled backwards (4)
26. Much \_\_ about nothing (3)
27. Soothe (4)
29. Made from Camellia Sinensis plant (3)
32. Grams abbr. (2)
34. East Indies abbr. (2)
35. Year abbr. (2)

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# BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

## Savings Bonds; Investment Option for Students

By Candace Lee  
Contributing Writer

Savings bonds are one of the many options available that allows students to invest and make money without putting forth much effort.

Savings bonds are loans from a company, the U.S. government, municipalities, or a government agency that continues to mature the longer the buyer keeps it.

Many students like junior print journalism major Stacey Gates, can recall having savings

bonds but have no idea what became of them.

"I can remember receiving bonds as gifts when I was younger," Gates said. "But they clearly did not earn enough money at a fast enough rate because if I knew where the money was then I would have long made use of it."

While U.S. Savings Bonds can be purchased at most credit unions and banks, they are issued by the U.S. Treasury Department. The bonds are exempt from state and local income taxes.

Federal tax on the bonds can be deferred until the bond reaches its full maturity or when it is redeemed, whichever comes first. However, the Education Savings Bond Program allows students to earn tax-free interest from their bonds if they are used to pay for higher education in the year that the bond is redeemed.

U.S. Savings Bonds can be redeemed at any time after the initial 12-month period of all bonds bought after February 2003.

Savings bonds are inexpen-

sive considering they can be bought for as little as \$25 and have no extra charges for being bought or redeemed after the aforementioned amount of time.

Betty Cassidy, a financial advisor for Wachovia Bank, suggests that savings bonds are excellent for saving for college.

"Savings bonds are a good way for parents with young children to prepare for college for their children in the future, however savings bonds take several years to reach their full maturity so they are not neces-

sarily a good way to make large sums of money fast," said Cassidy.

Darryl Lockett, a junior finance student, said that deciding whether a savings bond is the right choice depends on the specific financial situation.

"Savings bonds may not provide the high returns of the more risky stock market but they are a safe and insured investment that beats leaving your money in a box under your bed," said Lockett.

### Money Matters



### Refund Checks are for Education, Not Clothes

By Ashley Kelly

Business & Technology Editor

Rain beats against Diva's lavender umbrella as she rushes to Cramton Auditorium to pick up the piece of paper she has been waiting for all semester.

Her refund check.

Briskly walking past everyone else in line she reaches the woman giving out the checks.

"I've come to pick up my refund check," Diva says as she tosses her freshly curled hair out her face.

"So are the other 10 people in line," said the refund check lady. "So I suggest you go ahead and join them."

*She is just grouchy because her weave is wrong," she thinks. "I won't tell her off this time."*

"Whatever," Diva says.

Diva reluctantly walks to the end of the line.

"I don't know who she thinks she is, just walk up in front of the line like she's VIP or something. This is Howard, not the club," a girl in front of Diva says to a friend.

"Who is she talking about?" Diva wonders as if it isn't obvious.

Diva finally reaches the front of the line.

"Let me have your ID."

Diva hands her ID to the woman.

The woman types it in the computer and turns the monitor towards Diva.

"You will be getting \$500."

"What, that's it? There must be some mistake," Diva squeals.

*How am I gonna buy a new winter coat, boots and a hat to match with that?*

"We don't handle problems here. Go to the A-building."

"I don't have time to go to the A-building?"

"That's not my problem," said the refund check lady, who was past being tired of Diva.

Diva leaves Cramton to decide what she is going to spend her refund check on.

Keep in mind that Diva does not have all her books and she still owes Sally Mae (loan company) money.

"Maybe I should do the right thing with my money this time," she thinks. "I still need that psychology book and I do have mad loans to pay back. I could start paying my interest rate now. Or...maybe not."

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## Spotlight on a Bison in Business

## Howard Student Creates Trendy Designs for Future

By Erica Nzei  
Contributing Writer

Flashing light bulbs aimed at him and thumping music playing in the background. The life of a hip hop artist? No, the possible future of fashion designer Jeron Ravin.

Ravin is the founder and head designer of the J. L. Raven Attire clothing line for men and the Grown and Sexy line for women.

"The idea came up my senior year in high school," Ravin said. "It came along when I [noticed] the way I dress wasn't out there."

However, Ravin said he has always known he wanted to be a fashion designer.

"I've always had a love for fashion since I was about six or seven-years-old, due to my mother," Ravin said. "She's real big on fashion, that's kind of how I got into it."

And his identical twin, Jason

advertising and decided to try to incorporate the two," Ravin said. "I'm working for the District Chronicles as an advertising manager, and I use that to help advertise [the label]."

So what is J. L. Raven Attire?

"A lot of brothers like to dress neat and nice but still like to support urban clothing, and you either have to do one or the other," Ravin said. "J. L. Raven Attire is supposed to be a bridge between urban clothing and contemporary American clothing."

Ravin's slogan, "the burbs, the block, the city," goes way beyond the hip hop influence of most black labels.

"A great fashion label is if you walked in a room, there could be five different ethnicities wearing your label," Ravin said. "Urban designers get so caught up in making clothing for black people, that only [black people] buy their clothing. [Business-wise], you can't alienate everyone else except 12 percent of the US population."

Although J. L. Raven Attire is catered towards men, Ravin also has something in store for women.

"Grown and Sexy is a women's wear line, to trigger the grown and sexy woman," Linda Spruill, head designer for Grown and Sexy said. "It's going to be very different, but stylish; daring but classy."

Neither line is ready to be sold, however, both lines will make their debut April of

2004 at the Fashion Council Fashion Show.

"I don't have any clothes ready for sale yet, that's much further down the line," Ravin said. "The way I planned it out was to just promote the line. I got a little bit of anticipation from Howard students; they really want to know when it's coming out."

Anticipation from students probably because Ravin's whole production team consists of budding entrepreneurs who all attend Howard, including Spruill and Akadius Barry, promoter for the line through his company, New Era Strategies, Inc.

"There has been a lot of support," Ravin said. "There's a quote in *Do the Right Thing* by Spike Lee, 'If black people had to depend on each other to eat, we would starve' and in this case, that's not true at all."

Although Ravin has been

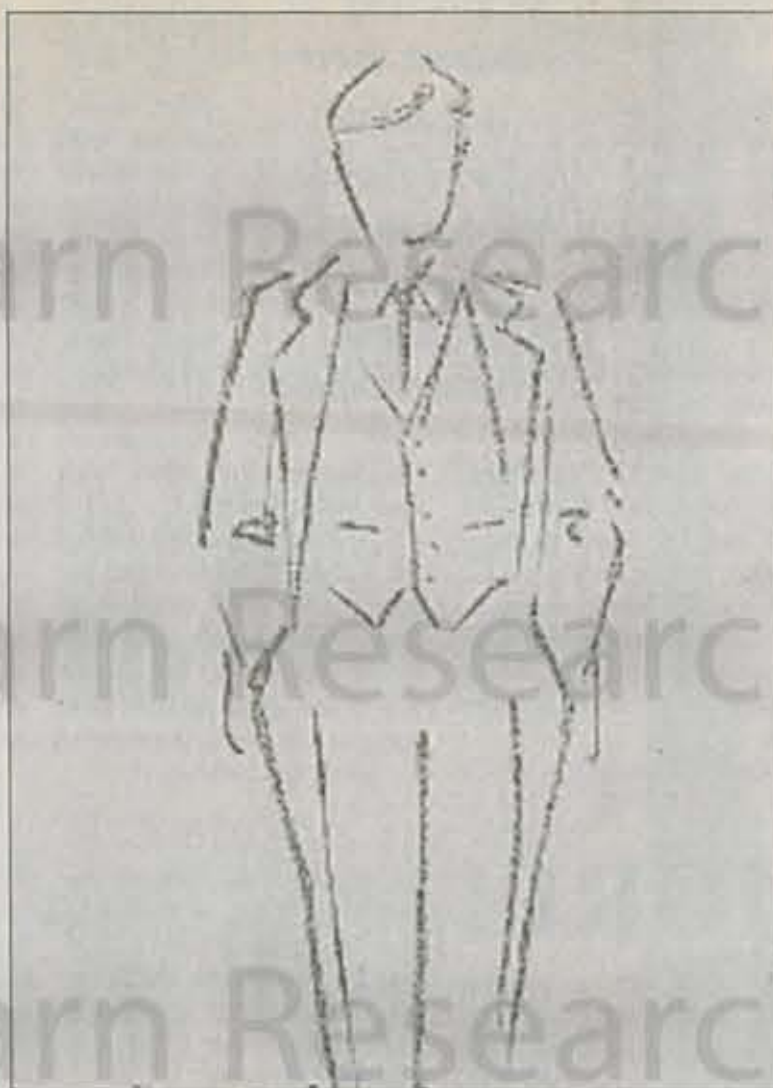
discouraged at times, he said he has never wanted to give up.

"The reaction has been too positive for me to give up, there has been too many good things for the bad things to knock that off," explained Ravin.

Classes are always a first priority with Ravin, however, from midnight until close to 4 a.m. he can be seen meeting with his production team to discuss new designs and promotions for the line.

He still finds time for a social life he said.

"A lot of people I hang out with are involved in fashion. I can still hang out with my friends and have fun and do business at the same time," said Ravin. "[The late night meetings, though], that's the life of an entrepreneur; if there's a will, there's a way."



## Author Gives Women Advice About Corporate America

By Chizoba Udeorji  
Contributing Writer

"I work twice as hard as he does, and he still got promoted." There are dozens of ways to say it, and thousands of scenarios for it, but the bottom line is that women still have it hard in the work place.

New York Times Best Seller author Gail Evans lectured this past Friday at the Women's Health Institute at Howard University Hospital. The program was put on to teach women to learn to achieve in a corporate environment.

Gail Evans' latest book, *Play like a Man, Win Like a Woman*, is the recipe for success in the corporate world.

"This book isn't only for women,

but it can be useful to minority groups as well," Evans said.

This is Evans' second book on success in the business world, the first (*She Wins, You Win*), quickly became a New York Times Best Seller.

Evans has not only wrote a book, she's lived through the struggle as well.

Evans has had a vast, successful career, first as a White House aide, and eventually becoming the first female executive vice president for CNN. Her road to success was not an easy one, but her dedication is what made her stand out.

"It's important to keep a positive attitude," said Evans. There are several key suggestions that can almost guarantee success to anyone who follows them.

Negotiate. According to Evans, women do not negotiate their salaries, or their positions.

"Women are told what their wages are, and they accept. We have to be willing to step out of our comfort zone. Ask questions," Evans said.

Evans explained that women should never feel they have to work longer or harder than men to be validated.

"If you come in early and leave later, your efforts might be misinterpreted. Instead of being seen as a hard worker, you may be seen as a slow worker who needs the extra time," Evans said.

Mentor, Network, Bond. Women tend to be their own worse enemies in the workplace. Be mindful of what you

say about other female co-workers said Evans.

"It's important to share info about what's going on with other women around you. Find a mentor and be a mentor, because we have to remember that we're all in this together," Evans added.

*Play Like a Man, Win Like a Woman*, is full of helpful tips for anyone who wants to climb the corporate ladder.

In her short time at Howard University, Evans seemed to leave an impact on the women who heard her message.

"The lecture was motivating, food for thought," said Lynetter Munday, medical director of the student health center at Howard.



# NEWS

## African-American Organ Donation Rates Insufficient

**DONATE** from A6

showed that the African-American consent rate dropped from 50 percent in 2001 to 36 percent last year. Some experts attribute the lack of interest partly to a fear of mutilation of the body or distrust of the medical establishment.

Medical research facilities are willing to accept donated bodies, also called a "gift of body", or specific tissues and organs. Many diseases are hereditary in nature and so medical research done on a body directly benefits that person's next of kin. In the distri-

bution of organs and tissues, transplants are given priority over research, but those designated for research purposes are sent to the most appropriate research institution in an international network of prestigious institutions.

Despite the benefits, some students are still wary of the gory nature of scientific research on dead bodies. When asked of her willingness to donate organs to science, Ashanti Brown, a senior finance major, said, "I would not want my body going towards medical research. I may donate my organs for transplants but defi-

nately not medical research."

However, Tamika Smith, a freshman majoring in broadcast journalism, believes that bodies should be donated to science. She defended Brown's actions by saying, "At least they're [Brown and accomplices] trying to do something positive."

A small student survey conducted across campus, revealed that over 60% of those polled would not want their bodies donated for medical research when they die, while only 28% would consider organ or tissue donation.

## Diva's Refund Check

**Refund** from A8

After cashing her refund check, she plans the rest of her day.

"I have to go to Bloomingdales before the sale is over and then later I will get ready for a night out at Dream," she thinks. "Maybe I'll find some sucker to pay me all the money back I'm going to spend shopping."

It seems as though Diva's shallow mentality will never change.

Spending your refund check for pleasure is not the

purpose of the refund check. The purpose is to put the money towards necessities.

For example: paying back loans or interest on loans. Another possible thing to do is open a bank CD with the money. This way you will not be able to touch the money until the allotted time period is over.

Do something more than shop with your refund check away.

Please.  
Dedicated to C squared and William.

Cross World Puzzle Solutions

**ANSWERS** from A7

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Jade	1. Jakarta
4. Everest	2. Alas
9. Ale	3. Des
11. Neon	4. Envy
12. Kashyanov	6. Re
14. As	7. EO
15. An	8. Sn
16. Yeast	10. Man
20. EC	13. Yang
22. Mei	17. Amt
23. TP	18. Sea
25. Gibraltar	19. Tirane
28. Alt	20. Ebb
30. Badu	21. Crabs
31. EEG	24. Pleh
33. Boleyn	26. Ado
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37. Lire	29. Tea
	32. Gr
	34. El
	35. Yr

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Seniors, Graduate & Professional Students

## Graduate Housing Survey

The Division of Student Affairs, Office of Residence Life seeks the participation of Seniors, Graduate and Professional students in completing a Graduate Housing Preference Survey. The survey is designed to solicit input from students about the kind of apartment housing they require.

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## This Week in MEAC



## FOOTBALL:

N.C.A&T 13  
Bethune-Cookman, 7

SCSU 36  
Delaware St. 13

FAMU 34  
Hampton 23

Howard 42  
Norfolk St. 28

Morgan St. 45  
Savannah St. 14

## Standings:

(MEAC, Overall)  
Hampton (5-0, 6-2)  
NC A&T (4-0, 8-1)  
Bethune-Cookman (3-2, 6-2)  
SCSU (3-2, 5-4)  
Morgan St. (3-3, 4-4)  
Howard (1-3, 3-5)  
Delaware St. (0-4, 0-8)  
Norfolk St. (0-5, 1-8)

## VOLLEYBALL:



FAMU 3  
Coppin State 0

UMES 3  
SCSU 0

Jacksonville 3  
Bethune-Cookman 0

SCSU 3  
Norfolk State 0

UMES 3  
NC A&T 0

Navy 3  
Coppin State 0

Howard 3  
Delaware St. 0

Hampton 3  
Norfolk St. 0

Wake Forest 3  
NC A&T 0

## Standings:

(MEAC, Overall)  
Northern Division  
UMES (7-1, 21-9)  
Morgan (6-2, 11-15)  
Howard (3-5, 7-12)  
Hampton (3-4, 11-10)  
Delaware St. (1-6, 2-19)  
Coppin St. (1-8, 2-23)  
Southern Division  
FAMU (8-0, 18-3)  
NC A&T (6-2, 13-13)  
SCSU (5-4, 14-9)  
Bethune-Cookman (3-5, 7-20)  
Norfolk St. (1-6, 2-18)

## SOCCER:



MEN'S SOCCER  
SCSU 0  
Howard 2

WOMEN'S SOCCER  
Hartwick 2  
Howard 1

Howard has a new Strength and Conditioning Coach. See who it is ... page B2

# MADNESS @ the MECCA 2003



Coach Frankie Allen



Coach Cathy Parson



Essence Coggins



Daisha Hicks



Simone Agee

By Soraya N. McDonald  
Sports Editor

The time has finally come for the biggest annual bash in Burr Gymnasium: Madness at the Mecca 2003, formally Midnight Madness. But no matter the name, or the date, the celebration of the beginning of collegiate basketball season at Howard will take place this Thursday in Burr Gymnasium at six p.m.

The kickoff will feature an intra-squad blue and white scrimmage for the women's basketball team, and an exhibition game for the men's team.

## Men's Basketball:

There is life after Ron Williamson and Kyle Williams if you ask men's Basketball Head Coach Frankie Allen. Allen thinks that the team is better than their seventh-ranked conference standing implies.

Though the team will be missing last season's scoring leader—Williamson scored a career-high 52 points against NC A&T—Allen is positive that this year's team members can step up to fill his shoes.

"I have confidence in the players that we have. We have a more balanced attack, and other players have stepped up to fill Ron and Kyle's shoes," Allen said.

Sophomore point guard Louis Ford will be one of the keys to the Bison's scoring attack this season; Ford helped carry the team down the last stretch of the season, when they won 11 of their last 14 games.

Junior James Wilkinson and sophomore Daniel Wright will now act as size post players. Wright red-shirted last season.

According to Allen, senior forward Seye Aluko has been the most consistent performer both offensively and defensively in pre-season practices.

Sophomore Bilal Russell didn't see any playing time last year due to a medical red-shirt because of his heart. This year, he will be late in playing with the team because of a broken finger. However, Russell should become more of a factor in the Bison game plan in December; his versatility allows him to play as a small forward or big guard.

"We have a solid nucleus of players. We're not trying to rush things," Allen said.

One factor in this year's schedule that Allen is pleased

with is that the Bison have four home games in December, and a game against Georgetown at the MCI Center. In previous years, home games didn't really start in

earnest until January, and it wasn't until midway through January that fans started to come to games consistently.

"By playing those games in December, we can create a fan base prior to students going home for the break," Allen said.

## Throwback Night: No Madness at Midnight!

By L. Michael Flanagan  
Asst. Sports Editor

The basketball party at midnight didn't take place on the Friday before the start of the collegiate season. Instead, it's been switched to happy hour time (this Thursday at six p.m.).

Due to NCAA rules and the way that the dates fell this particular school year, the teams would not have had enough time to prepare if Howard had Midnight Madness this year.

"Midnight madness for a coach is a sacrifice. Midnight madness wasn't the first thing on my mind. Because of the way it fell on the calendar we had no choice but to reschedule it," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Cathy Parsons. "Preparing the team for the season is the first thing on my mind."

Still, many are excited about "A Blast From the Past: HU Style," an ode to the old school. Having the annual tradition a couple of weeks later has provided Bill Keene more time to prepare for the type of event that would be important to any basketball fan.

Keene is the Special Assistant to the Vice-Provost for student affairs.

With the help of his committee and volunteers from professor Deborah Johnson's Sports Marketing class, Keene has worked to create an exhilarating atmosphere for student body.

"I think it's time for a change, time to strive and move forward. I think it's a good idea," said graduate student Jonny Seymour.

The main feature of the event is its old school theme. Either Jimi Hendrix's or Marvin Gaye's version of the national anthem will open the event. Also, the student who comes dressed in the best throwback outfit will win a prize. Pepsi, WHBC, and a local radio station will also have giveaways.

The basketball teams will be able to provide a better product as well. They've gotten two weeks of practice and conditioning and time to adjust to the start of the season.

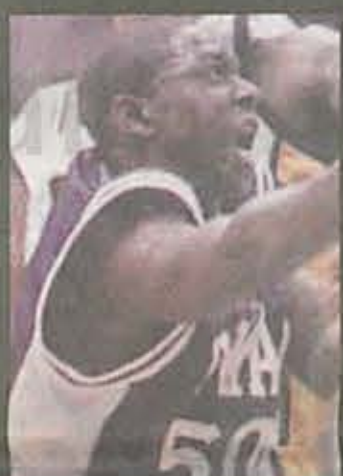
For the first time in Burr Gymnasium history, the Howard basketball introductions will include a women's blue and white scrimmage and a men's exhibition game.

"The kids will be in shape and we will put on a pretty good show. People will be impressed," said Head Basketball Coach Frankie Allen.

"November 6 will be the same atmosphere and same quality of entertainment," Parsons said.

Unlike Howard, other local institutions, including Georgetown University and the University of Maryland still held Midnight Madness at the traditional date, the Friday before the start of collegiate basketball season.

"For the students it's a party," Parsons said. "They don't understand the way that dates fall and how NCAA rules go are apples and oranges. We had six new freshmen come in. We have work to do."



Louis Ford



James Wilkinson



Seye Aluko

## Howard Tramples Norfolk, Rutherford Breaks Record

By Kaneica Brown  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Six straight losses turned to seven for the Norfolk State Spartans as fans watched the Bison football team destroy their homecoming hopes for a win. Howard (1-3 MEAC, 3-5 overall) defeated Norfolk State (0-5 MEAC, 1-8) 42-28 Saturday at William "Dick" Price Stadium.

Freshman standout Antoine Rutherford had a phenomenal game, rushing for 230 yards and five touchdowns. Rutherford broke the school record for rushing touchdowns in a game (four) that was held by six former Bison.

Junior linebacker Kevin Talley provided one of few bright spots for the Spartans; he broke Norfolk's record for most tackles in a game.

Otherwise, joy belonged to the Bison, who snapped a two game losing streak.

Early in the second quarter, the Bison took charge. On the first drive, Rutherford took charge on a 28-yard run, putting the Bison up 6-0.

The Spartans were forced to punt on their first drive, and the Bison blocked the attempt. Sophomore safety Antoine Bethea recovered the ball and rushed 26 yards for another Bison touchdown. A successful two-point conversion brought the

score to 14-0.

The Spartans retaliated with running back Terrell Johnson and he scored on a nine-yard rush, to put the Spartans back in the game.

The Bison's inability to convert on the ensuing possession put the Spartan offense back on the field. Quarterback Dontrell Leonard connected with a Norfolk wide receiver on a 47-yard pass and running back Terrell Johnson leapt inside the goal line for his second touchdown of the game on the next play.

"We knew it was a big game today,

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PHOTO BY KEN SHIPP/ALL-PRO PHOTOGRAPHY  
Senior linebacker Greg Spriggs prepares to make a tackle.



# SPORTS

## Sean Combs Runs New York City



Sean "P. Diddy" Combs ran the New York Marathon to raise money for children this past Saturday.

By L. Michael Flanagan  
Asst. Sports Editor

Today he turns 34, but just a couple of days ago an exhausted, tired, sore, and cramped Sean Combs raised his arms past the finish line in Central Park. Combs, better known as P. Diddy, "Ran the City" this past Saturday. He finished the 26.2-mile New York Marathon in 4 hours and 14 minutes to raise money for New York public schools.

Comb finished 11,359 of 35,100 participants. He raised two million dollars for New York public schools, children suffering from HIV and AIDS and his own charity organizations.

"I was in real trouble and I wanted to stop. It was a life changing experience because I did not stop," Combs said in a post-race press conference.

Combs said his motivation was to beat media mogul Oprah Winfrey's time of 4 hours 29 minutes.

The Bad Boy started training two months ago, when he announced he would be donating the proceeds from the race to several children's charities. He lost 15-pounds during training and gained tendonitis in his knee.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg helped support Combs' cause with \$10,000. Fellow New Yorker Jay-Z, gave \$25,000; and Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, donated \$78,000.

Kenyan Martin Lel, won the men's race in two hours and ten minutes. Margaret Okayo championed the women's race and clocked a time of two hours and 22 minutes.

Many people encouraged Combs during the race, including several off-duty police officers, children in Harlem, and cameramen from MTV, all of whom ran with him.

Combs wanted to send the message to children that people must finish what they start and that they can do anything they put their minds to.

## Turner Strengthens and Conditions Bison Athletes

By Shatarah Ramirez  
Contributing Writer

It's a well-known fact that any successful athletic program has people working it from every angle. These days, it's not enough to simply rely on the head coach to give a team that extra edge. The current trend in athletics is to hire a strength and conditioning coach to help athletes maintain peak performance during the off-season.

Howard University had a strength and conditioning coach for over a year, Keith Comeforo, until he moved on to bigger and better: the National Football League (NFL).

But not even the NFL could keep "Ty" away. The newest addition to the Bison athletic family, Strength and Conditioning Coach Ty Turner.

Turner is a former running back and member of two championship football teams at the University of Richmond. The Clinton, Maryland native served as the assistant strength

and conditioning coach at the University of Maryland, where he worked until he came to Howard.

Turner, who is 27, was also training for the NFL, as he had plans to go pro.

However, opportunity came knocking after at least three encounters with Comeforo.

"I kept running into him while I came to this campus to train," he said. "After he kept mentioning that he would be leaving Howard soon, I thought it was more than coincidence."

Turner was convinced that the position was right for him because he would be working with athletes.

"I know how important it (working with athletes) can be in one's career, and it truly can make all the difference," he said. "I took this job because, as an athlete myself, I was never the biggest or the fastest. I had to work hard at it, and because of my experiences, I believe I can truly relate to the athletes here."



Ty Turner is Howard's newest strength and conditioning coach.

Turner has a different approach to his training than Comeforo did. Comeforo used team work-

outs and left the majority of the work up to the individual.

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## Bowling Team Prepares for MEAC Championship

By Kira Lee  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Located deep at the heart of the Blackburn Center, the Howard University Bowling team is shaking the foundation of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

The humble beginnings of this dynamic season took place at the September tryouts. One senior, three juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman made up the six varsity members of the Fall 2003 varsity team.

Every weekend the Bison Bowlers travel to a different school to compete for points that accumulate toward an Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (EPMIBC) division title.

The Bison bowl against two teams on Saturdays and one

team each Sunday, in either a singles or doubles match. The teams with the highest totals are awarded the point for that match.

"This is considered a developmental year for our team. We are very focused on building talent this year, so to be doing so well is wonderful. Our

averages have been extremely good," said Sam Amoako-Atta, the coach for the coed intramural bowling team.

The Bison have been leaving their competition in the gutter. Until last weekend's loss, the Howard University Varsity Bowling Squad was undefeated. Their current record is

8-1.

As the fall 2003 MEAC Championship approaches, excitement on the Bison bench is growing.

Bowler Kimberly Williams is very enthusiastic about the upcoming tournament.

"We have been doing really well this year," said Williams. "We could definitely take the championship."

The MEAC conference championship will be held in Dover, Delaware this year.

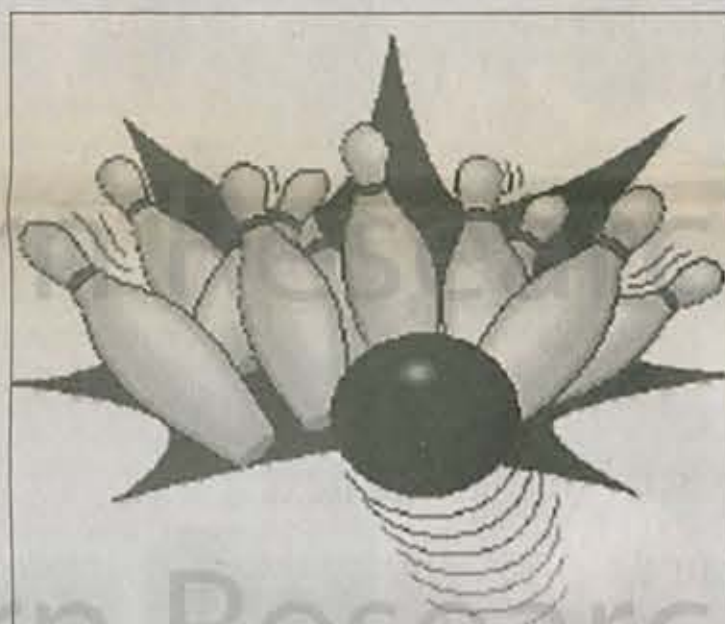


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## Long Invited To Play in All-Star Classic



PHOTO COURTESY HOWARD SPORTS INFO  
Vontrae Long was named as an All-American athlete.

By Kaneicia Brown  
Hilltop Staff Writer

When he's not forcing or recovering fumbles, senior Bison football player Vontrae Long is receiving accolades for his on-field accomplishments. Recently, Long was invited to play in the Division I-AA All-Star Classic football game to be held December 30 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"It's a great accomplishment for me to be accepted and to play in that game," Long said. "But I am going to treat it as I would any other game."

The All-American safety is still unsure as to whether or not he will participate in the game.

After the regular football season ends on November 22,

he may not be physically ready to play in the December classic at Lockhart Stadium.

"It really depends on what type of shape I am in when the time comes," Long said. "It's up to Coach Bolton and how he prepares me for the game. If I am not in the best of shape, I won't play."

The game will be televised on TFN (The Football Network), a national and regional sports network that is available to 35 million people.

Long isn't brimming with enthusiasm about taking an

all expenses paid trip to Fort Lauderdale because he is anxious for football season to be over, and for his adult life to begin.

"November 22 will be the last time I am in a football uniform (with the exception of December's game). I have no aspirations Southern opponent."

of going into the league, or any other type of play after college. I wouldn't mind coaching here at Howard, but that is it as far as football is concerned," Long said.

Rather than pursuing a career in football, Long's post-graduate interests lie in television production.

Long's athletic experience during his first two years at Howard didn't go as well as he would have liked. Though he received the honors, he didn't

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FILE PHOTO

## BISON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Antoine Rutherford

Sport: Football

Position: Running back

Classification: Freshman



Rutherford leads the MEAC with 786 rushing yards, and broke the Howard record for touchdowns in a game with five. Saturday, he rushed for 230 yards on 30 carries. Rutherford was selected by The Sports Network as this week's I-AA Offensive Player of the Week. He was also named MEAC Rookie of the Week for the third time this season.



# SPORTS

## New Coach Helping Athletes      Bison Trample Spartans

**TURNER** from B2

Conversely, Turner pledges to do what is necessary with each athlete, one-on-one.

"I'm going to push you, and if you have set a goal for yourself, I will be sure to help you reach it," Turner said.

His style may require a unique kind of discipline, because most students he's worked with find him fairly relaxed.

"It may seem that way now because I am new and this is kind of my observation period," Turner said. "I need to get a feel for everyone. But just wait until December. I don't think everyone will be saying that then."

Turner's influence has already begun to show through the basketball team. "It took some getting used to at first,

because we switched coaches in the middle of our conditioning season, but he is great," said Will Gant, a freshman on the Bison basketball team. "Since the basketball team is the first team he began working with, we really got a feel for him. He is a strong coach, and he will be the one I go to get back into shape."

Not only does he want to be an integral part in making sure each team has an edge on the field, but Turner also wants to work toward improving Howard's facilities.

"I know what it takes to reach optimal performance, which is why I plan to bring in more assistants, including a massage therapist, a nutritionist, and a flexibility specialist," Turner said.

Turner has his own philosophy and approach to strength

and conditioning.

"I believe in the initial assessment of the athlete, and designing a workout based around that," he said. "My workouts tend to be informative, and focus on the areas where you are weak. The majority of them are sport specific too, because a lacrosse player is not going to need the same thing as a hurdler jumper, who will not need the same thing as a swimmer."

The athletes Turner coaches are pleased with his comprehensive, sport-specific approach to strength and conditioning.

"He is helping us out a lot. I think he has an effective way of working with us swimmers, because he allows us to do strength training we need for our sport," said freshman Josh Hall.

**BISON** from B1

and we had a huge focus on the game, because it was homecoming," Johnson said.

The second half kick-off return to the Bison running back James Smith resulted in a 70-yard gain, the longest in his career. Rutherford then took over, scoring a 23-yard touchdown.

The 93-yard gain in 19 seconds stunned the Spartans, who missed their kickoff return. The Bison regained possession and Rutherford scored again. The Bison went for another 2-point conversion, raising the score 28-14.

The Spartans stepped up their own running game with a combination of running backs Johnson and Monte Anthony. The drive gave the Spartans the opportunity to tie the game again.

"We knew it was going to be a game of motion, from Coach Petty being a former coach here," said Talley.

In the fourth quarter, two major plays put the game out of reach for the Spartans. A fumble from Johnson gave possession to the Bison. Shortly thereafter, Bison quarterback Marcos Moreno threw an interception that the officials ruled as pass interference, giving the Bison possession and momentum. Rutherford scored again to put the Bison up by two touchdowns.

The fumble by me and the interception that was called pass interference cost us the game," said Johnson. "At that time, we



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Sophomore safety Antoine Bethea scored a defensive touchdown against the Spartans.

felt the game slipping away."

The game slipped right into the hands of Bison offense, particularly to Rutherford, who scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Rutherford also broke records of his own Saturday. He broke his own game high of 206 rushing yards by rushing for 230. Saturday's efforts put him at number two in the Howard record books for most rushing yards in a single game.

"The offensive linemen were really on their blocks," Rutherford said. "My fullbacks,

linemen, tight ends and receivers all did a great job, which opened up a lot of play for me."

Willie Gillus, who is in his first season as the Spartans' head coach, wasn't happy about the officiating, but commended Howard on their play.

"We wanted to come execute our best defensively and offensively," Gillus said. "The so-called 'fumble' and the interception call was the momentum breaker. But Howard played a great game, they put together some drives that made the game out of reach."

## All-Star Classic Picks Long to Play

**LONG** from B2

care for the coaching system.

"Before Coach Petty's staff came in, I don't think I was pushed hard enough to reach my full potential," Long said. "Coach Ronald Bolton (the defensive secondary coach) influenced me to increase my work ethic. I had difficulty with the transition between coaching staffs, because the players did what they wanted to do. The new staff was not

having that, and I had to change because I was used to doing my own thing."

This season, Long was suspended from the team for a week for not following rules. However, he says that his relationship with his coaches has progressed.

"I have an excellent relationship with Coaches Bolton and Gilmore," Long said. "I can go to them with major situations. Coach Gilmore offers words of encouragement to keep me going."

This spring, the senior will continue his college career in Howard's graduate program for education.

He will also be here to watch the growth of next year's team, and work with sophomore safety Antoine Bethea.

"I'm going to leave my legacy to Bethea, I taught him everything I know," Long said, smiling. "I'm going to pass the torch to the next greatest safety of HU's history."

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## FEATURE

# A New Beat To Vibe With... VH1 Soul Hits the Mark While Others Miss

By Rivéa Ruff  
Contributing Writer

You come home after a long day in classes. All you want to do is relax and watch a few videos. You turn on the television, only to see that BET is showing a "special 'baller' episode" of "How I'm Living." MTV is having another "Real World/Road Rules Challenge" marathon, and VH1 is showing "I Love the 80s," yet again. If you were at home with your digital cable box, you would most likely turn to a 24-hour video station like VH1 Soul. However, in Howard University dorms, your musical options are limited.

Digital cable video networks, particularly VH1 Soul and MTV Jams, which are geared more toward the African American market, are a staple of many Howard students' television viewing during the summer months. Unfortunately for those who live on campus, these stations are not included in the basic cable provided by the University. Some dormitories do not even receive channel 51, WHBC radio, much less an extra video station.

The primary source of music video entertainment for most HU students is Black Entertainment Television (BET). This is the station known to play the most music videos made by

blacks, as well as programs geared toward and starring blacks. At any given point during the day, most televisions on campus are likely tuned into BET. Though BET is supposed to be the station that entertains black people, some students are dissatisfied with the format of BET programming.

"I think BET is supposed to be more educational and inform black people of what is going on," said sophomore biology major Roshni Rountree, who felt that BET had a responsibility to focus on more than music. "Instead it's just videos all the time. VH1 Soul and MTV Jams are supposed to show videos all the time."

"Anything is better than BET," said sophomore business management major George McClendon when asked about BET's programs. "Regular VH1 is even better than BET lately."

According to VH1.com, VH1 Soul airs "24 hours of the hottest soul and r&b hits from today and all of the '90's." At any given hour of the day, viewers can see the latest video from Monica, then see an old 112 video from 1997 only minutes later. Among those listed as core artists for station programming are Mary J. Blige, Usher, Brandy and D'Angelo.

Sophomore political science major Kevin Chavous



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prefers VH1 Soul to basic cable BET.

"They mix it up more with new and old stuff and they don't repeat all the time like BET," he said.

"I just want to watch videos and BET be playing all that extra mess all the time," said Bradford, who also preferred VH1 Soul. "When you

want to watch videos, you want to watch videos, and when you want to watch TV, you want to watch TV," he said.

The only potential drawback to VH1Soul is it's essentially mellow format. Though the station broadcasts the majority of popular songs from today and yesterday,

there is no "hard" rap or hip-hop played on the station. Though you are quite likely to see the new Monica video as mentioned before, it is highly unlikely that you will see the latest David Banner video that is all over BET and MTV Jams.

The same problem persists, however, for MTV Jams.

Although you may be able to catch the new TI video several times a day, it's not likely that that old 112 joint will be in rotation as well. Both stations offer what many seek when they are in the mood for music: all videos, all the time. Having 24-hour video stations gives you the option of music whenever you want it.

## INDULGE Chic of the Week Nana the Place for the Stylish and Savvy

By Glory Edim  
Contributing Writer

The words "something borrowed, something new" come to mind when exploring the chic boutique Nana located in the historic U Street district of D.C. Nana is the combination of new and vintage clothing, along with an assortment of accessories and bath products. Owner Jackie Flanagan didn't study design in college, nor did she aspire to become a fashion mogul.

"The only fashion career I ever had was being an avid shopper," says Flanagan. Her vision was to provide stylish, tasteful clothing for women like herself. Flanagan simply took her sense of style, creativity (along with years of shopping experience) and pursued entrepreneurship. Thus, Nana was

born.

Nana is charming in every aspect; the colorful walls and rows of fabulous clothing are a savvy shopper's dream. The store may only be six months old, but it quickly found clientele, and for good reason. Entering the store you're welcomed by friendly faces and the warm scent of candles. The store specializes in women's clothing. It's filled with incredible blazers, funky sweaters and vintage handbags, all at affordable prices. The quaint set-up prepares you to discover an array of different fashions and shop comfortably. The boutique is named after and inspired by Flanagan's grandmother, who she proclaims a fashion idol.

"I call my grandmother Nana...she has this really great way of dressing very smart and



not spending a ton of money," says Flanagan.

The boutique appeals to the sensible but adventurous consumer. Flanagan's goal is "to put together clothing that is unique and affordable and fun and very smart looking."

Whether you want to splurge or simply pick up an accessory, you can do so at Nana. The clothing prices range from \$5 to \$100 dollars depending if the item is new or vintage, along with the detail of the design. Many of the vintage items are one of a kind or hard to find pieces. Every piece caters to individual style and personality, which makes the shopping experience even more rewarding.

"They have awesome vintage stuff. It's in really good condition...The girls who work

here are really cool. They always have new stuff all the time," says Nicole Grant, a Nana shopper.

Up and coming designers and alternative companies add to Nana's unique appeal. The clothing label, Preloved, has become a signature Nana line. Two savvy Canadian designers have specialized in recreating incredible vintage pieces into new works of clothing. For example, they can suddenly transform a trench coat into a skirt. This innovative sense of style and the grouping of both new and old is what make Nana's so special. The clothing simply stands out in a crowd.

Although Flanagan knew she wanted a store, she had no idea what she would sell. She's gone from indecision to great success. "I love all the small

parts of being a small business owner, whether it's budgets or spreadsheets, ordering, or marketing," she said.

Jackie Flanagan has now lived in the U St. area for the last eight years and, with her flourishing business, she considers her success fortunate. Nana is a "new store that respects the amazing history of U Street...I feel really lucky to have a store on this block because it's surrounded by other innovative and creative people...it's a very genuine shop," Flanagan said.

The future of Nana looks promising.

"I see this really solid long-lasting store with a great reputation," says Flanagan. "The addition of a men's clothing line

is possible and perhaps a larger store in the future." But for now Nana is a wonderful addition to U Street and a fun place to shop.

Popular items at Nana this Fall: Vintage Handbags and Velvet Bags

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## 'Girlz' unveils seedy world of flesh peddlers

By Stella Ukaoma  
Contributing Writer

A well-sculpted body, flat stomach, a nice pair of breasts plus tons of personality may be the winning combination to making plenty of money, but at what price would that money come? Set in the Badlands, Philadelphia, *Bad Girlz* is a surprisingly emotional and thought-provoking story about peddling flesh for cash and the associated pitfalls. Both fresh and fast-paced, Shannon Holmes leads us down the tumultuous path of women enticed by the alluring prospect of quick and easy money.

Tonya Morris is an average African American teenager until both her mother and her stepfather betray her. With no roof over her head and no idea where her next meal will be coming from, Tonya begins trading sexual favors for food and shelter. With the help of her boyfriend and his cousin

Kat, Tonya quickly progresses to stripping at a nightclub.

Initially overwhelmed by the sea of naked bodies at Wild Things, Tonya, now re-christened Tender, soon finds her niche. The ever helpful Kat and Goldie, her protégée, assist her. At 31, Kat is a gorgeous, light-skinned woman who has no qualms about hustling either friends or strangers. To keep tabs on Tender and her money, Kat moves Tender in and becomes her mentor.

Smoothly written, *Bad Girlz* is an excursion into the dark and sometimes dangerous world of strip clubs. Surprisingly sympathetic for an onlooker, Shannon Holmes, a blasé New Yorker, is not afraid to appear soft as he tells the story of betrayal and exploitation in the seedy flesh peddling industry. Instead, he paints a picture of a strong tidal wave that easily bears off with young girls who are not well anchored by love and support. Holmes'

style is simple but very effective as the characters are well defined and intense. While there is not much character development in the plot, it is hard to ignore the faint stirrings of pity for the girls as they live in a world of self-delusion.

Though not a cliff-hanger, *Bad Girlz* is delightfully entertaining as well as profound with many layers of treacherous currents running through it. With the alcohol, drugs and sex freely flowing, it is hard not to imagine that a crash course with reality is imminent.

Not for weak stomachs, however, *Bad Girlz* contains many graphic accounts of violence and sex, which perhaps lend credence to the dangerous environment in which these females operate. *Bad Girlz* is a spunky, exciting piece of work about fast girls on a rollercoaster ride of fast money, a dizzying ascent that can only plummet with equal speed when confronted with the real world.

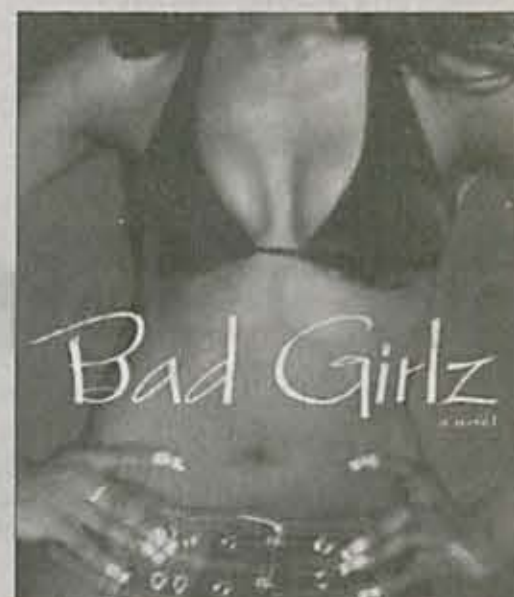
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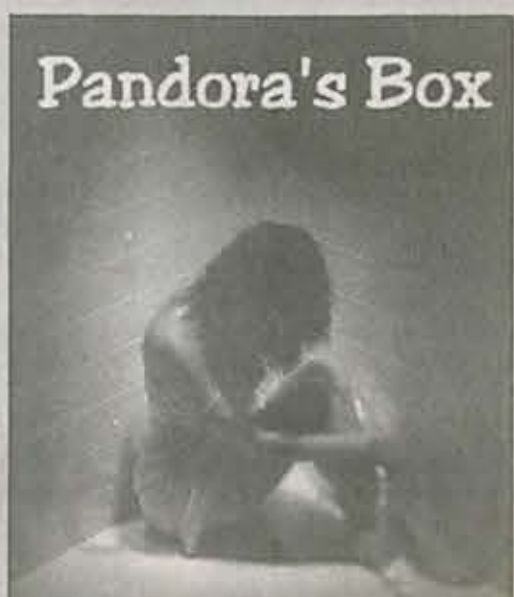


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### Child Welfare Agency Guilty of Neglect

One of the most shocking child abuse cases in history was recently revealed in New Jersey last week. Neighbors found nineteen-year old Bruce Jackson looking for food in their garbage can. When they reported this to the state's child welfare services, the findings were almost too much to stomach.

The adopted sons of Raymond and Vanessa Jackson were so malnourished that their bellies were protruding and their teeth and gums were black. The sight of the children was similar to the photos of starving children in poverty-stricken third world countries — not of boys who were supposed to be taken in out of love to be cared for in the absence of their biological parents. It is incomprehensible to think that three different state workers failed to report the fact that boys between the ages of nine and nineteen would all be

under fifty pounds.

Incomprehensible, yes — but not impossible. The alarming condition of the boys must not have been so in the opinion of the state workers who visited the Jackson home ten times in the last eight months. Where were the teachers? What about

Jackson, should certainly be punished for this abuse, the ultimate responsibility lies in the hands of these individuals who are paid to ensure the safety of these children. It is unacceptable for them to take literally ignore the signs of abuse, and accept the parents' shady excuse that the children had "eating disorders." Even if they were naïve enough to believe that all four boys had eating disorders, why wasn't this reported?

These state workers have lost their jobs, but that's not enough. Their negligence is criminal and they should be prosecuted for it.

Moreover, the entire child welfare system in the state of New Jersey needs to implement some serious policy reforms. It just saddens us that it took the health of four innocent boys to bring about change in an obviously flawed system.

#### Our View:

**We are outraged that New Jersey's Child Welfare system would overlook the fact that foster children were being starved.**

health care professionals? Was everyone blind to the blatant evidence of abuse in this household?

What it sounds like is a clear case of negligence. Though the adoptive parents, Raymond and Vanessa



### Diddy Caught in Sweatshop Scandal

Activists for workers' rights accused Sean "P.Diddy" Combs' clothing line "Sean John" of using sweatshops in Honduras. According to the National Labor Committee, Sean John factory managers paid workers as little as 15 cents for a shirt that would sell for \$40, fired workers who became pregnant, refused to pay overtime, and hindered workers from forming a union. No one is attacking Sean Combs personally for these startling allegations, but activists hope that he will do something in response.

We hope he will too. With all of his different business venues, it is safe to say that there is a possibility that Combs was unaware of the conditions in the factories. It is not too much, though, to ask for him to actively ensure that these

workers are treated in a fair manner in the future. He may be a busy man, but it is not enough for Combs to own a clothing line and not know what is going on behind the scenes. If he does not have the time to be more involved in his business, then he needs to hire

and that they conduct thorough inspections to make sure that suppliers' factories are safe.

Well, obviously, if workers are complaining that they are being abused by supervisors, then something is not right. Perhaps the supervisors are on their best behavior when they are being inspected. Maybe inspectors are not doing as good of a job as they should.

Either way, something needs to change in the Sean Jean factories in Honduras. If Sean Combs can raise two million dollars running the city and open charities for children in the United States, we are sure that he can look into the allegations and try and help change the conditions for the workers from this point on.

#### Our View:

**P. Diddy may not have known what his suppliers were doing in factories, but he can help change conditions for the future.**

a team of people that will be invested in making sure that things are done right.

Sean John executive vice president Jeff Tweedy said that the company had no knowledge of these conditions

### A Work of Fiction or a Threat?

After the 1999 shooting spree at Colorado's Columbine High School, the issue of school safety has reached immeasurable heights of importance. You can never be too careful. The parents of 14-year-old Rachel Boim found out just how careful schools can be when their daughter was expelled from school for writing a story about a girl who dreams of killing her teacher.

While many people think that the school acted irrationally in taking the girl's fictional writings so seriously, we think otherwise. Recall the story behind the headlines of the Columbine shootings: The two young killers showed numerous signs of instability and depression, but no one said anything. No one thought to take seriously the fact that two young men walked around calling themselves the "Trench Coat Mafia." Their parents didn't notice the artillery in their rooms, nor did

they bother to look. The lesson here is to be proactive in situations like this.

It is very likely that Rachel Boim never intends to murder any of her teachers. But because our society has been tainted by the terrorizing

a disturbing story. If she really was a threat, the school simply passed her off to be a threat at another school. Though the school was right to take her story seriously, expulsion was not the answer.

Boim certainly had the right to write a story. There is no crime in that. But as unfair as it may seem, we have to remember that we live in a day and age where school shootings do happen. Children and teachers are killed in a place where everyone should feel safe. Because these realities exist, certain measures have to be

#### Our View:

**Schools have to take signs of potential violence seriously in order to ensure the safety of teachers and students.**

occurrence of school violence, we have to be proactive in considering the possibility that her story just may have been more than that.

We do believe, however, that Boim's school, Roswell High, should have offered the girl counseling and tried to find out if there was some reason behind her writing such

taken that may seem ridiculous. That deadly day at Columbine High School four years ago made it impossible to write off a story about killing a teacher as a simple work of fiction spawned from a young girl's imagination.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## What's Your Anti-Drug?



## Old Enough to Take a Sip

Quincy Ewell

How is it that at the age of 18, we are able to make a decision about who we believe would be the best person to represent our political ideologies as well as our personal interests, but we are unable to walk into a liquor store and purchase alcohol? How is it that at age 18, we are eligible to serve our country and die in war, but cannot buy a bottle of "Cris" (not that too many of us can afford it anyway)?

According to a study conducted by the International Center for Alcohol Policies, "Most cultures, where the consumption of beverage alcohol is permitted, have established a threshold age at which it is deemed appropriate for young people to purchase and/or consume the product in public."

To some, it is baffling to

comprehend that age 18 gives United States citizens the ability to make choices and sacrifices that may alter their life or could even take their life, but still if a person is under age 21, he or she cannot purchase alcohol. The rationale often stated for imposing a minimum legal drinking age is that younger people are neither physically nor emotionally ready to consume alcohol. But yet, are we physically prepared to fight a war?

The issue is not whether or not young adults are ready to consume alcohol; it is whether or not young adults are responsible enough to confront the consequences that may come along with drinking. In the 1960s and early 70s many states lowered their drinking age from 21 to 18. In many of these states, research noted a significant increase in highway

deaths of the teens affected by these laws. So, in the 1980s, a movement began to raise the drinking age back to 21. After the age limit was changed back to 21, many states were monitored to check the difference in highway fatalities. According to a study conducted by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, researchers found that teenage deaths in fatal car crashes dropped significantly when the laws were moved back to 21. It is clear that more young people were killed on the highways when the drinking age was 18.

For some countries, the minimum ages for consumption of alcohol are based on the alcohol content or the type of beverage. These age limits range from as high as 21 in the United States to as low as 16 in countries such as Italy, France, Belgium and Spain. Many

countries, including China, Portugal and Thailand currently have no established legal limits.

There are many assumptions about college students not being able to drink responsibly. These ambiguities are fabricated by those who are concerned that a lowered drinking age will lead to a greater number of alcoholics. Darren Harris, junior international business major, speculates, "The drinking is appropriately defined at 21; lowering it to 18 could be hazardous to the youth."

While this could happen, denying adults the right to drink is also denying adults the liberties that come along with being an adult. The bottom line is that legal adults should be treated like actual adults.

## Howard Needs Homeland Security

Michael B. Bakely

It's rather amazing how the United States Congress passed legislation regarding the nation's security, with the USA Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Act here in the Nation's Capitol. However, the implementation of this legislation must have certainly missed Howard University, because many students, staff, and faculty experience domestic terrorism everyday as they make their daily trek on or off campus.

The domestic terrorism I am describing entails the following: 1) students feeling apprehensive of walking to and from the East and West towers on the main campus; 2) parking one's motor vehicle on the university parking lots; 3) attempting to locate a book in the UGL/Founders Library; and not to mention 4) the feeling of personal insecurity if you live in any of the campus dormitories.

If such is the case, then why have the Howard University administrators merely taken this "Johnny come lately" response in dealing with the issue.

It appears that the security and safety of Howard University students, staff, and faculty is not one of their higher priorities. Let us simply say that campus security is not treated with the similar enthusiasm as that of fall convocation, homecoming, or graduation. I am most certain that many within the administration would disagree with these claims. With that being said, here are some recommendations for the Howard University Administrators to implement expeditiously in order to have a first rate security system for the entire Howard University community.

First, there should be an immediate installation of security cameras (of similar caliber to those at the U.S. Capitol or the White House) that provide a 360 degree panoramic view of any property of Howard University, whether on or off campus that runs twenty-four hours a day, seven-days a week. This should include having cameras in every parking lot, every building (Continuing), Education building in Silver Spring, MD, the Divinity School, and the Law School) and all of the immediate areas of the University.

A public affairs campaign should be initiated, for instance utilizing flyer distribution and announcements on WHUR, for those living in the immediate area of the University will know that protecting Howard University has become a priority.

Second, in order for this equipment to be most effective, there must be a cadre of professionally trained officers to use such equipment to make clear and concise decisions relating to crime response and to devising preventive measures (this requires ongoing internal and external training). We must remember that in order

to have such professions, the University must offer a comparable and competitive salary similar to that of those who protect the U.S. Capitol Building or the Metropolitan Police Department (how does \$36,000 annually sound?).

Another key component that must not be forgotten is to have permanently included in the University budget (operating preferably) to have monies spent on first rate equipment for all officers. This should include officers being issued Gore-Tex and polypropylene to protect the officers from the hot and cold weather.

In addition, officers should be given military grade boots (cold weather and hot weather) that make standing up for eight hours or more not so traumatic on the officers' joints and lower back. Believe me! If you ever had the opportunity of participating in a static or roving guard duty in a extreme weather conditions, your personal equipment is second in importance next to your firearm.

Third, there should be a revamping of the standard operating procedure (SOP for those military personnel) as it relates to how all the officers must conduct themselves. This should include training the officers to always stay alert, not have civilians see them or eating or drink in the presence of students, etc., the maintaining a high level of physical fitness, ongoing training in interpersonal communications, and to stop socializing with female students.

If Howard University implements such recommendations, one will see a drastic decrease in the number of crimes taking place on campus; the overall perception will change of campus police, and not to mention there would probably be a decrease in the number of officers resigning from their positions in an effort to secure a livable wage. It is my guess that only when a University Administrator personally experience some domestic terrorism on campus, that Homeland Security will become a priority at Howard. How dysfunctional can that be?

For those in the Howard University community who feel that the local media is intentionally not reporting the crimes taking place on campus, like they are reporting at the University of Maryland, I recommend that students call the local media and tell them what is taking place on your campus. As of matter of fact, the students at the University of Maryland demand that the media report the crimes that take place on their campus. I just wish that Howard University students would do the same.

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## NBA TV

Cory Lindsay

I turned on the television in my dorm room after Thanksgiving break to begin my morning routine. I turn to channel nineteen to catch up on

the scores and highlights of the NBA games the night before. To my amazement the channel was off. I was ticked but I thought of it as nothing and my NBA TV would be back on in a couple of

hours, maybe days.

Well H. Patrick, it's been a couple of days (a year) and the NBA season has begun once again and channel nineteen is waiting for NBA TV. I can't go on living like this. I never

had cable until I arrived here on this campus and you teased me with a channel dedicated to the NBA. Give me my channel back. It ain't funny!

## Tribute to Mayor Walter E. Washington

By H. Patrick Swygert  
Howard University  
President

Walter Edward Washington, proud family man, loyal friend, and triumphant statesman, died on Oct. 27, after 88 years of life.

A double alumnus of Howard (public administration and sociology '38 and law '48), whose civic-mindedness was apparent even as he assisted the lawyers who litigated the cases involved in the Brown v. Board of Education case, Mr. Washington was the first elected mayor of the District of Columbia, bringing the federal city into its modern age.

Born in Dawson, Ga., and raised in Jamestown, NY, this great-grandson of ex-slaves initially was appointed mayor of the District by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Sept. 6, 1967, at a time in American history that was filled both with possibilities and growing despair.

It was the time of the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War, when men of all races and creeds were fighting for their country as well as their inalienable rights to walk tall as an equal partner in determining the future of this country. Walter E. Washington, as a trusted governmental leader and friend to all,

was able to do that.

During his tenure of 12 years as mayor, he used his position and stature to unite the neighborhoods and business districts of the city. His style and finesse allowed him to inspire righteous leadership among those with whom he worked, as well as earn the confidence of the members of Congress who oversaw his administration.

During the riots that befell the District in 1968, after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Mayor Washington took a stand against federal officials who wanted to shoot looters, thus siding with humanity over commerce.

He fought for better public housing, reduced tension between the police and community, set plans to heal the city's fragmented bureaucracy, and laid the foundation for self-rule for the city.

Mr. Washington believed in enlightening those who were denied the opportunities so many of us were granted. He believed in working together as a collective to make our everyday situations better and had an unflinching belief in the triumph of the human spirit. May he rest in peace, but his spirit forever be a part of the District's continued growth and development.

## Expressions

Life's License

Sitting at a bus stop  
Summer winds coast by  
Hands deep in my pocket, mind drifts in wonder  
as a car as smooth as fluid rolls by.  
When will my life come?  
When will I be able to drive?  
Get behind the wheel in full control,  
Knowing the road I must take,  
knowing my future is up ahead,  
When will I be able to make those final decisions-  
"We are turning left. That's it!"  
When will I be able to grip destiny in the form of a slick  
steering wheel,  
knowing the man within me, emerging, who knows the  
road,  
who knows what exit ramp I should take?  
Time, how much longer will you leave me blind  
without headlights, without wheels?  
A man of the streets- pedestrian  
Lost in wistful, summer thoughts  
I turn and see  
my bus rolling in.

- Bryan I. White



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you, and wish you a  
Happy 21st Birthday  
Tomorrow!!!  
LOVE:  
IS, MM, FW, DB, BG,  
VA, MC, MI, KE, AS,  
NF

If for only a  
moment I could  
look into your  
eyes and see what  
your thinking,  
Some people say  
that the eyes are  
the windows to  
the soul well it  
seems as though I  
look at the wrong  
times because the  
blinds are drawn  
at my every  
glance. So I ask  
that you allow our  
souls to touch for  
just a moment so  
that you would  
know how deep  
my love goes until  
then I'll continue  
to walk behind  
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is worse buying you dinner  
or driving you home but  
your sayings are funny.

Ruth don't work so hard

Ashley get well soon phys-  
ically and mentally

Derec Kindle- what hap-  
pened to church Sunday  
and thanks for playing me  
Friday... I will get my  
revenge... Oh tomorrow  
don't forget...

Courtney and Laura Miss  
and Mrs. Junior Hilltop you  
owe me dinner or your title  
will be stripped... ASAP

Miriam- I smiled today...

Asha - good job today

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